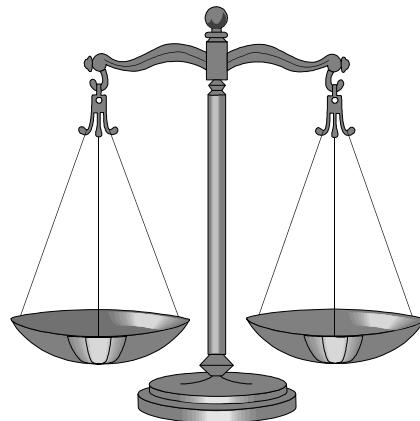


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Multi-year Statistical Compilations of Federal Court Caseload Through Fiscal Year 2004



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INTRODUCTION

Judicial Facts and Figures is a set of tables containing historical caseload data primarily for the fiscal years from 1988 to 2004, although a few of the tables contain data from earlier years. This publication includes data on the U.S. Courts of Appeals, the U.S. District Courts, and the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts. These tables are also available on the J-Net under Statistics in pdf or Excel format.

The sources for the data were the *Annual Report of the Director*, the *Judicial Business of the United States Courts*, *Federal Court Management Statistics* and a few unpublished statistical tables. Specific data sources are noted on each table for easy reference. Except where specifically noted, data were compiled from the published report of the fiscal year noted (i.e., 1995 data are from the 1995 *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts*). There have been minor revisions to some numbers in subsequent publications. For example, pending data are frequently revised in the next year's publication. Prior to 1992, the report period for the *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts* was the twelve months ending June 30. When the reporting period was changed to the fiscal year in the 1992 publication, a number of filing totals for the years 1988 through 1991 were revised.

Judicial Facts and Figures does not offer an analysis of the federal caseload changes, although significant fluctuations in the data and explanations are noted on the tables. More detailed information can be found in the *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts* in the years where the fluctuations occurred. Questions concerning this report can be referred to the Analytical Services Office at (202) 502-1180.

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Table 1.1

U.S. Courts of Appeals. Appeals Filed by Type of Appeal and Originating Agency (Excludes Federal Circuit)

		Appeals From District Court									Other Appeals From:			
Fiscal Year	Total Appeals (1)	Civil Appeals						Criminal Appeals						
		Total	Prisoner Petitions		Other Civil			Total	Drugs	Other Criminal	Administrative Agency	Bankruptcy	Original Proceedings* (2)	
			Total	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.	Private						
1988	38,345	26,934	9,340	1,997	7,343	17,594	4,267	13,327	6,436	3,234	3,202	3,113	1,214	648
1989	39,927	26,997	9,641	2,118	7,523	17,356	4,354	13,002	8,399	4,742	3,657	2,794	1,100	637
1990	40,893	26,980	10,003	2,254	7,749	16,977	4,245	12,732	9,642	5,713	3,929	2,558	1,107	606
1991	43,027	28,033	10,932	2,482	8,450	17,101	4,370	12,731	10,249	5,700	4,549	2,859	1,277	609
1992	47,013	30,328	11,847	2,575	9,272	18,481	4,562	13,919	11,215	5,936	5,279	3,235	1,637	598
1993	50,224	32,374	12,787	2,923	9,864	19,587	4,935	14,652	11,862	5,900	5,962	3,928	1,388	672
1994	48,322	32,309	13,061	2,951	10,110	19,248	4,582	14,666	10,674	5,104	5,570	3,369	1,382	588
1995	50,072	34,203	14,985	3,459	11,526	19,218	4,460	14,758	10,162	4,499	5,663	3,295	1,667	745
1996	51,991	36,137	16,996	4,446	12,550	19,141	4,304	14,837	10,889	5,099	5,790	2,827	1,434	704
1997	52,319	35,414	16,188	5,183	11,005	19,226	3,803	15,423	10,521	4,750	5,771	4,412	1,158	814
1998	53,805	37,522	17,422	5,524	11,898	20,100	4,292	15,808	10,535	4,845	5,690	3,793	1,203	752
1999	54,693	36,680	17,191	5,211	11,980	19,489	4,010	15,479	10,251	4,513	5,738	3,280	1,109	3,373
2000	54,697	35,780	17,252	4,955	12,297	18,528	3,740	14,788	10,707	4,450	6,257	3,237	1,007	3,966
2001	57,464	36,046	18,343	6,138	12,205	17,703	3,567	14,136	11,281	4,529	6,752	3,300	961	5,876
2002	57,555	35,499	18,272	6,065	12,207	17,227	3,359	13,868	11,569	4,688	6,881	5,789	843	3,855
2003	60,847	34,390	17,691	5,350	12,341	16,699	3,239	13,460	11,968	4,562	7,406	9,988	902	3,599
2004	62,762	33,075	16,561	4,992	11,569	16,514	3,239	13,275	12,506	4,660	7,846	12,255	862	4,064

*Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g. writs of mandamus, motions to file successive habeas petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, enacted April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals for certain petitions. Data for these types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998.

(1) Total appeals filed have decreased only once since 1988 - in 1994 when total drug appeals dropped 13% - and are up 59% since 1988, driven mostly by the increase in prisoner and criminal appeals. The most recent increases resulted from large filings of immigration-related administrative agency appeals. In February 2002, the Attorney General ordered the Board of Immigration Appeals to clear its backlog of cases, stating that this action was required to help prevent terrorist attacks and enforce the nation's immigration laws.

(2) In 2001, rumors of a one-year deadline for filing petitions pursuant to *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (no such deadline actually existed) resulted in a large jump in motions to seek such petitions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Table 1.2

U.S. Courts of Appeals. Pro Se Cases Filed (Excludes Federal Circuit)

Fiscal Year*	Total Appeals	Pro Se												Percent Pro Se (2)			
		Total	Appeals From District Court						Criminal Appeals	Other Appeals From:			Original Bankruptcy Proceedings**				
			Civil Appeals			Other Civil				Administrative Agency (1)							
			Total	Prisoner Petitions	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.	Private								
1993	50,224	17,043	14,989	10,799	2,376	8,423	4,190	1,346	2,844	870	662	355	167	33.9%			
1994	48,322	18,252	16,235	11,432	2,467	8,965	4,803	1,423	3,380	986	550	302	179	37.8%			
1995	50,072	19,973	17,842	13,083	2,763	10,320	4,759	1,364	3,395	803	622	438	268	39.9%			
1996	51,991	22,258	19,844	15,178	3,712	11,466	4,666	1,433	3,233	1,114	578	405	317	42.8%			
1997	52,319	21,747	19,171	14,225	4,316	9,909	4,946	1,361	3,585	1,034	808	323	411	41.6%			
1998	53,805	22,992	20,400	15,084	4,520	10,564	5,316	1,485	3,831	1,020	885	366	321	42.7%			
1999	54,693	24,416	19,922	14,995	4,330	10,665	4,927	1,449	3,478	927	676	269	2,622	44.6%			
2000	54,697	24,938	19,945	15,027	4,045	10,982	4,918	1,361	3,557	945	797	248	3,003	45.6%			
2001	57,464	27,265	20,415	15,812	5,094	10,718	4,603	1,256	3,347	1,142	764	266	4,678	47.4%			
2002	57,555	26,624	20,660	16,054	5,205	10,849	4,606	1,188	3,418	1,286	1,377	242	3,059	46.3%			
2003	60,847	26,493	20,108	15,467	4,508	10,959	4,641	1,294	3,347	1,196	2,078	241	2,870	43.5%			
2004	62,762	26,800	19,093	14,530	4,269	10,261	4,563	1,156	3,407	1,140	3,056	233	3,278	42.7%			

*Pro Se appeals were not reported until 1993.

** Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g. writs of mandamus, motions to file successive habeas petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, enacted April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals for certain petitions. Data for these types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998.

(1) The most recent increases resulted from large filings of immigration-related administrative agency appeals. In February 2002, the Attorney General ordered the Board of Immigration Appeals to clear its backlog of cases, stating that this action was required to help prevent terrorist attacks and enforce the nation's immigration laws.

(2) The proportion of pro se appeals increased steadily from 1993, when data were first collected, to 2001. While the new original proceedings have added to this increase, the primary factor remained prisoner appeals. The proportion of pro se appeals filed has decreased 4.7 percentage points since 2001.

Table 1.3

U.S. Courts of Appeals. Appeals Filed, Terminated, Pending (Excludes Federal Circuit)

Fiscal Year*	Authorized Judgeships	Appeals Filed, Terminated, Pending			Per Panel **		
		Filed	Terminated	Pending	Filed	Terminated	Pending
1960	68	3,899	3,713	2,220	171	165	99
1961	78	4,204	4,049	2,375	162	156	90
1962	78	4,823	4,167	3,031	186	159	117
1963	78	5,437	5,011	3,457	210	192	132
1964	78	6,023	5,700	3,780	231	219	144
1965	78	6,766	5,771	4,775	261	222	183
1966	88	7,183	6,571	5,387	246	225	183
1967	88	7,903	7,527	5,763	270	258	195
1968	97	9,116	8,264	6,615	282	255	204
1969	97	10,248	9,014	7,849	318	279	243
1970	97	11,662	10,699	8,812	360	330	273
1971	97	12,788	12,368	9,232	396	384	285
1972	97	14,535	13,828	9,939	450	429	306
1973	97	15,629	15,112	10,456	483	468	324
1974	97	16,436	15,422	11,470	507	477	354
1975	97	16,658	16,000	12,128	516	495	375
1976	97	18,408	16,426	14,110	570	507	435
1977	97	19,011	17,808	16,224	588	551	502
1978	97	19,185	17,725	17,591	593	548	544
1979	132	21,127	18,695	19,615	480	425	446
1980	132	23,181	21,932	21,027	527	498	478
1981	132	27,156	26,010	22,194	617	591	504
1982	132	27,768	28,159	21,774	631	640	495
1983	132	30,387	29,666	22,496	691	674	511
1984	132	32,342	31,018	23,818	735	705	541
1985	156	33,506	32,403	24,925	644	623	479
1986	156	34,605	33,821	25,692	665	650	494
1987	156	35,511	34,687	26,532	683	667	510
1988	156	38,345	36,497	28,393	737	702	546
1989	156	39,927	37,652	30,674	768	724	590
1990	156	40,893	38,961	32,589	786	749	627
1991	167	43,027	41,640	33,455	773	748	601
1992	167	47,013	44,373	36,068	845	797	648
1993	167	50,224	47,790	38,233	902	859	687
1994	167	48,322	49,184	37,294	868	884	670
1995	167	50,072	49,805	37,536	899	895	674
1996	167	51,991	50,413	38,888	934	906	699
1997	167	52,319	51,194	39,899	940	920	717
1998	167	53,805	52,002	41,649	967	934	748
1999	167	54,693	54,088	42,271	983	972	759
2000	167	54,697	56,512	40,410	983	1,015	726
2001	167	57,464	57,422	40,303	1,032	1,032	724
2002	167	57,555	56,586	40,965	1,034	1,017	736
2003	167	60,847	56,396	44,600	1,093	1,013	801
2004	167	62,762	56,381	51,071	1,127	1,013	917

* 1960 through 1976 data are for year ended June 30. Subsequent data are for year ended September 30.

** Assumes every case requires a three-judge panel.

Note: For the period 1960 - 2004, the only year in which filings decreased was 1994.

Table 1.4

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Appeals Filed, Terminated, Pending

Fiscal Year*	Authorized Judgeships	Filed	Terminated				Pending
			Total	By Judges	Other	% Reversed	
1988	12	1,296	1,337	900	437	14	658
1989	12	1,417	1,440	876	564	15	636
1990	12	1,466	1,393	842	551	11	708
1991	12	1,484	1,424	901	523	14	769
1992	12	1,702	1,563	951	612	12	978
1993	12	1,708	1,760	1,147	613	15	926
1994	12	1,705	1,642	1,033	609	18	989
1995	12	1,847	1,780	1,192	588	12	1,056
1996	12	1,337	1,536	1,158	378	10	856
1997	12	1,458	1,410	1,036	374	17	898
1998	12	1,454	1,386	1,019	367	26	960
1999	12	1,543	1,410	1,042	368	17	1,093
2000	12	1,509	1,518	1,139	379	15	1,103
2001	12	1,483	1,500	1,158	342	15	1,085
2002	12	1,748	1,357	1,035	322	16	1,477
2003	12	1,543	1,575	1,190	385	11	1,445
2004	12	1,592	1,836	1,138	698	10	1,201

*1988 through 1991 data are for year ended June 30; subsequent data are for year ended September 30.

Source: Statistical Table G-2 (1988 - 1990), B-8 (1991 - 2004); and *History of Federal Judgeships*

Table 1.5

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Appeals Filed by Agency

Fiscal Years*	Total	U.S. Court of Appeals for				Merit							
		Board of Contract Appeals	Court of International Trade (1)	U.S. Court of Federal Claims**	U.S. District Courts	Department of Veterans' Affairs	International Trade Commission	Systems Protection Board	Senate Select Committee on Ethics	Patent & Trademark Office	Wrts	Other ***	
1988	1,296	84	56	143	0	301	0	18	537	0	119	36	2
1989	1,417	96	68	112	0	339	0	11	590	0	151	49	1
1990	1,466	84	39	172	2	308	5	8	687	0	131	30	0
1991	1,484	80	32	166	40	263	61	9	676	0	135	21	1
1992	1,702	81	55	181	88	315	17	6	789	0	129	41	0
1993	1,708	91	61	221	138	338	0	8	713	0	105	32	1
1994	1,705	83	88	175	118	330	2	5	810	5	62	27	0
1995	1,847	58	68	173	75	373	3	5	970	2	85	35	0
1996	1,337	72	50	151	59	385	9	7	475	2	89	38	0
1997	1,458	71	83	151	84	395	3	7	544	3	72	41	0
1998	1,454	54	75	193	122	419	1	12	462	6	68	42	0
1999	1,543	40	43	165	194	466	10	5	523	0	69	28	0
2000	1,509	38	43	144	186	455	9	2	501	3	91	37	0
2001	1,483	42	160	195	117	403	6	8	421	2	74	55	0
2002	1,748	35	61	192	410	480	15	9	435	0	81	29	1
2003	1,543	41	71	187	232	509	1	14	382	5	71	30	0
2004	1,592	30	66	169	189	478	5	9	537	7	73	29	0

* 1988 through 1991 data are for year ended June 30. Subsequent data are for year ended September 30.

** In accordance with P.L. 102-572 (10/29/90), the name of the U.S. Claims Court was changed to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. In 1998, the U.S. Court of Veterans' Appeals was renamed the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims pursuant to P.L. 105-368 of November 11, 1998.

*** Other includes 2 appeals in 1988 and 1 appeal in 1989 from the Secretary of Commerce; 1 appeal from the Secretary of Agriculture in 1991 and 1 appeal from the Office of Personnel Management in 1993 and again in 2002.

(1) In 2001, the large increase in appeals filed by the Court of International Trade resulted from a single case involving the Harbor Maintenance Tax.

(2) In 2002, filings increased significantly due to an influx of cases involving applications for attorneys' fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA).

Source: Statistical Table G-2 (1988 - 1990), B-8 (1991 - 2004) - In 1997, data reported by source do not add to total reported in Statistical Table B-8.

Table 1.6

U.S. Courts of Appeals - Type of Opinion or Order Filed In Cases Terminated on the Merits After Oral Hearing or Submission on Briefs

Fiscal Year*	Total	Oral	Written, Signed		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
1989	19,322	103	6,091	1,293	729	9,056	5	2,045	12,394	64.7%
1990	21,022	94	6,008	2,374	712	9,669	4	2,161	14,204	68.0%
1991	23,018	86	6,350	3,031	701	10,437	4	2,409	15,877	69.4%
1992	23,597	55	6,330	2,979	650	10,866	11	2,706	16,551	70.4%
1993	25,761	74	6,085	3,127	634	12,625	13	3,203	18,955	73.9%
1994	27,219	86	6,451	3,545	561	13,496	7	3,073	20,114	74.2%
1995	27,772	99	6,118	3,814	566	14,233	5	2,937	20,984	75.9%
1996	27,326	82	6,035	3,629	502	14,409	18	2,651	20,689	76.0%
1997	25,840	98	5,622	3,413	433	13,942	24	2,308	19,663	76.5%
1998	24,910	82	5,770	3,578	467	13,319	10	1,684	18,581	74.9%
1999	26,727	117	5,371	3,951	461	15,528	9	1,290	20,769	78.1%
2000	27,516	63	5,099	4,281	427	16,510	32	1,104	21,895	79.8%
2001	28,840	31	5,058	4,544	475	17,376	108	1,248	23,168	80.4%
2002	27,758	26	4,920	4,234	416	16,917	64	1,181	22,332	80.5%
2003	27,009	13	5,037	4,223	364	16,402	38	932	21,557	79.9%
2004	27,438	20	4,782	4,468	366	16,973	54	775	22,216	81.0%

*1989 data are for year ended June 30. Subsequent data are for year ended September 30.

NOTE: Data are not identified as published/unpublished before 1989.

Source: Statistical Table S-5 (1989); S-3 (1990 - 2004)

Table 1.7

U.S. Courts of Appeals. Total Participations in Cases Terminated on the Merits After Oral Hearings or Submission on Briefs

Fiscal Year	Total	Case Participations by						Percent by Senior and Visiting Judges
		Resident Active Circuit Judges		Resident Senior Circuit Judges		Visiting Judges		
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1988	57,939	47,893	82.7	5,804	10.0	4,242	7.3	17.3
1989	62,379	51,742	82.9	6,204	9.9	4,433	7.1	17.0
1990	63,597	51,705	81.3	7,550	11.9	4,342	6.8	18.7
1991	70,017	57,053	81.5	8,098	11.6	4,866	6.9	18.5
1992	71,775	57,178	79.7	9,404	13.1	5,193	7.2	20.3
1993	78,030	62,563	80.2	9,463	12.1	6,004	7.7	19.8
1994	82,613	65,940	79.8	10,477	12.7	6,196	7.5	20.2
1995	84,335	66,059	78.3	12,185	14.4	6,091	7.2	21.7
1996	83,308	66,609	80.0	11,370	13.6	5,329	6.4	20.0
1997	78,324	61,477	78.5	12,025	15.4	4,822	6.2	21.5
1998	75,660	58,373	77.2	12,245	16.2	5,042	6.7	22.8
1999	81,205	64,177	79.0	11,739	14.5	5,289	6.5	21.0
2000	83,475	64,209	76.9	14,281	17.1	4,985	6.0	23.1
2001	87,589	69,195	79.0	13,345	15.2	5,049	5.8	21.0
2002	84,238	64,916	77.1	13,920	16.5	5,402	6.4	22.9
2003	81,792	63,774	78.0	13,381	16.4	4,637	5.7	22.0
2004	83,118	64,964	78.2	13,952	16.8	4,202	5.1	21.8

Note: Cases terminated on the merits after oral hearings or submissions on briefs by resident senior circuit judges have more than doubled since 1988. Cases terminated by visiting judges increased steadily until 1995, but have since fluctuated.

Source: Federal Court Management Statistics (1988-1991), Statistical Table S-2 (1992-2004)

Table 1.8

U.S. Court of Appeals. Appeals Commenced, Terminated, and Pending (Excludes Federal Circuit)

Fiscal Year	Cases Commenced			Cases Terminated								Cases Pending	
				Total	Cases Disposed of by Consolidation	Procedural Terminations			Terminations on the Merits				
	Total*	Original	Reinstated			Total	By Judge	By Staff	Total	After Oral Hearing	Number	Percent	
1988	38,345	37,846	499	36,497	2,775	14,745	6,069	8,676	18,977	9,692	9,285	49%	28,393
1989	39,927	39,422	505	37,652	2,910	14,551	5,806	8,745	20,191	9,744	10,447	52%	30,674
1990	40,893	40,267	626	38,961	3,849	14,090	5,598	8,492	21,022	9,479	11,543	55%	32,589
1991	43,027	42,414	613	41,640	3,757	14,862	5,471	9,391	23,021	10,231	12,790	56%	33,455
1992	47,013	46,353	660	44,373	4,007	16,769	6,122	10,647	23,597	10,362	13,235	56%	36,068
1993	50,224	49,511	713	47,790	3,607	18,422	6,495	11,927	25,761	10,222	15,539	60%	38,233
1994	48,322	47,529	793	49,184	3,816	18,149	6,602	11,547	27,219	11,047	16,172	59%	37,294
1995	50,072	49,184	888	49,805	3,177	18,856	6,817	12,039	27,772	11,080	16,692	60%	37,536
1996	51,991	50,971	1,020	50,413	2,998	20,089	7,131	12,958	27,326	10,588	16,738	61%	38,888
1997	52,319	51,088	1,231	51,194	3,038	22,316	8,729	13,587	25,840	10,357	15,483	60%	39,899
1998	53,805	52,592	1,213	52,002	2,986	24,106	10,661	13,445	24,910	10,215	14,695	59%	41,649
1999	54,693	53,415	1,278	54,088	2,651	24,710	10,915	13,795	26,727	9,924	16,803	63%	42,271
2000	54,697	53,385	1,312	56,512	2,740	26,256	12,330	13,926	27,516	9,752	17,764	65%	40,410
2001	57,464	56,117	1,347	57,422	2,797	25,785	11,761	14,024	28,840	9,315	19,525	68%	40,303
2002	57,555	56,258	1,297	56,586	2,721	26,107	12,649	13,458	27,758	9,146	18,612	67%	40,965
2003	60,847	59,538	1,309	56,396	2,108	27,279	13,344	13,935	27,009	8,791	18,218	67%	44,600
2004	62,762	61,459	1,303	56,381	2,108	26,835	12,047	14,788	27,438	8,645	18,793	68%	51,071

*Includes proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g. writs of mandamus, motions to file successive habeas petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, enacted April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals for certain petitions. Data for these types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998.

Source: Table B-1

Table 1.9

U.S. Courts of Appeals. Other Workload in the Courts of Appeals (Excludes Federal Circuit)

Fiscal Year*	Authorized Judgeships	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals Terminated	Pro Se Mandamus Petitions Terminated (1)	Petitions for Rehearing Filed			Per Judgeship		
				Total	Panel	En Banc	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals	Pro Se Mandamus Petitions (1)	Petitions for Rehearing
1993	167	220	1,111	8,383	4,463	3,920	1	7	50
1994	167	188	1,177	8,780	4,851	3,929	1	7	53
1995	167	217	1,175	8,840	4,777	4,063	1	7	53
1996	167	243	1,134	8,978	4,797	4,181	1	7	54
1997	167	216	1,139	8,988	4,824	4,164	1	7	54
1998	167	200	1,044	9,301	4,789	4,512	1	6	56
1999	167	249	165	9,166	4,917	4,249	1	1	55
2000	167	280	-	9,400	4,950	4,450	2	-	56
2001	167	252	-	9,094	4,757	4,337	2	-	54
2002	167	250	-	9,655	4,852	4,803	1	-	58
2003	167	356	-	8,922	4,390	4,532	2	-	53
2004	167	295	-	8,476	4,164	4,312	2	-	51

*2003 data were revised.

(1)Effective October 1, 1998, in response to the Prison Litigation Reform Act, reporting procedures were changed such that pro se mandamus petitions for which filing fees were not paid at filing began to be recorded as original proceedings requiring judicial review on the merits. Thus, pro se mandamus petitions for which filing fees were not paid are no longer reported separately, but are now included in the "other" appeals filed category.

Source: Unpublished Table 3 and *Federal Court Management Statistics*

Table 2.1
U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Jurisdiction

Fiscal Year	Total (1)	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
		Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship (2)	Local Jurisdiction
1977	133,929	18,458	24,308	58,083	31,735	1,345
1978	140,544	23,727	23,779	60,237	31,754	1,047
1979	160,016	34,227	24,708	63,920	35,943	1,218
1980	171,074	40,219	23,585	65,846	40,650	774
1981	185,622	39,146	24,651	74,543	46,507	775
1982	212,559	50,109	27,757	81,379	52,690	624
1983	250,855	62,522	40,963	88,855	57,819	696
1984	259,956	65,496	44,536	92,429	56,806	689
1985	278,681	81,401	38,329	96,023	62,299	629
1986	246,733	52,578	28,249	99,590	65,768	548
1987	234,467	40,223	30,241	97,424	65,984	595
1988	240,821	37,729	30,084	103,278	69,062	668
1989	225,685	33,778	25,661	103,311	62,422	513
1990	217,013	30,188	24,510	104,307	57,435	573
1991	210,890	30,684	25,414	104,829	49,325	638
1992	230,509	35,453	27,147	118,180	49,432	297
1993	229,850	20,482	31,242	126,271	51,445	410
1994	236,391	15,805	29,605	135,853	54,886	242
1995	248,335	14,130	29,028	153,489	51,448	240
1996	269,132	15,538	33,217	159,513	60,685	179
1997	272,027	20,966	39,038	156,596	55,278	149
1998	256,787	23,389	34,463	146,827	51,992	116
1999	260,271	31,067	34,376	144,898	49,793	137
2000	259,517	34,124	36,985	139,624	48,626	158
2001	250,907	22,680	40,644	138,441	48,998	144
2002	274,841	14,479	39,518	163,890	56,824	130
2003	252,962	10,946	38,254	142,591	61,156	15
2004	281,338	10,071	38,391	165,241	67,624	11

(1) Overall filings increased 10 percent from 2001 to 2002 due primarily to increases in private cases, particularly those involving asbestos; many of these cases have since been remanded to state court. The most recent growth in civil filings resulted from a 16 percent increase in federal question cases; approximately 20,000 of these filings related to one case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina. In addition, diversity of citizenship filings rose significantly due to a 58 percent increase in personal injury product liability filings.

(2) Due to an increase in jurisdictional amount from \$10,000 to \$50,000 in May 1989, diversity filings decreased significantly in 1991. (For further discussion, see page 8 of the 1990 Annual Report of the Director.) The jurisdictional amount was raised again in January 1997 from \$50,000 to \$75,000; filings then decreased through 2000 but have increased in the last three years. (See the 1997 Annual Report and the Statistics Division report entitled Federal Judicial Caseload: A Five Year Retrospective.)

Source: Statistical Table C-2

Table 2.2

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Nature of Suit
 (Highlighted areas cover data previously provided in separate tables)

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
TOTAL CASES		240,821	225,685	217,013	210,890	230,509	229,850	236,391	248,335	269,132
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	62,685	57,593	44,481	45,418	49,434	35,146	31,254	31,182	35,688	
Insurance	7,969	7,703	7,104	7,364	7,320	7,383	7,385	7,540	7,914	
Marine	3,375	3,285	3,286	3,190	3,310	3,017	2,708	2,622	2,797	
Miller Act	1,522	1,725	1,458	1,116	835	835	886	775	912	
Negotiable Instruments	3,551	3,820	2,993	3,092	2,690	1,905	1,499	1,536	1,194	
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	18,485	14,608	9,449	11,188	16,006	4,519	2,330	1,822	5,139	
Medicare Benefits	88	95	104	122	121	117	104	66	90	
Student Loans (1)	4,650	6,484	4,471	6,344	11,711	2,816	1,313	1,142	4,508	
Veterans' Benefits (2)	12,953	7,370	4,381	4,289	3,809	1,306	653	253	152	
Other	794	659	493	433	365	280	260	361	389	
Other Contract Actions	27,783	26,452	20,191	19,468	19,273	17,487	16,446	16,887	17,732	
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	12,322	10,432	9,603	10,049	9,976	7,884	7,585	6,869	6,254	
Condemnation of Land	474	472	474	547	443	374	435	334	367	
Foreclosure	9,832	7,950	7,188	7,586	7,630	5,896	5,572	4,972	4,406	
Rent, Lease, and Ejectments	430	405	348	414	390	340	303	310	295	
Torts to Land	454	435	488	441	453	404	412	401	363	
Other Real Property Actions	1,132	1,170	1,105	1,061	1,060	870	863	852	823	
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	45,883	40,235	44,041	35,945	38,179	43,259	47,664	53,986	59,661	
Personal Injury, Total (3)	42,118	36,663	40,815	32,681	34,840	39,746	44,306	50,565	55,647	
Personal Injury Product Liability, Total	17,085	12,780	18,839	10,952	12,437	18,959	22,288	27,547	27,584	
Airplane	174	190	191	111	114	95	115	155	135	
Marine	108	73	277	55	75	65	42	53	55	
Motor Vehicle	649	643	589	533	567	630	534	566	550	
Asbestos	11,812	7,818	13,809	5,596	5,131	5,683	6,518	6,916	7,289	
Other	4,342	4,056	3,973	4,657	6,550	12,486	15,079	19,857	19,555	
Other Personal Injury, Total	25,031	23,883	21,976	21,729	22,403	20,787	22,018	23,018	28,063	
Airplane	713	683	873	886	685	534	557	683	809	
Marine	3,037	2,967	2,937	2,978	2,854	2,601	2,330	2,277	2,172	
Motor Vehicle	7,333	7,192	6,105	5,883	5,635	5,370	5,087	5,374	5,330	
Assault, Libel and Slander	816	649	670	619	684	712	783	826	848	
Fed Employers' Liability Act	2,475	2,762	2,703	2,497	3,233	2,149	2,092	1,903	2,225	
Medical Malpractice	1,611	1,464	1,346	1,348	1,375	1,279	1,332	1,328	1,330	
Other	9,046	8,166	7,342	7,518	7,937	8,142	9,837	10,627	15,349	
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,765	3,572	3,226	3,264	3,339	3,513	3,358	3,421	4,014	
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,669	1,644	1,561	1,567	1,640	1,756	1,708	1,881	2,299	
Other Personal Property Damage	2,096	1,928	1,665	1,697	1,699	1,757	1,650	1,540	1,715	

Table 2.2 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Nature of Suit
 (Highlighted areas cover data previously provided in separate tables)

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
TOTAL CASES	272,027	256,787	260,271	259,517	250,907	274,841	252,962	281,338
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	40,836	42,292	50,676	53,625	43,148	35,843	31,263	29,404
Insurance	8,045	7,270	7,327	7,517	7,874	8,793	8,629	8,460
Marine	2,587	2,593	2,529	2,446	2,505	2,122	1,912	1,676
Miller Act	834	862	780	769	560	528	442	386
Negotiable Instruments	1,056	673	577	495	605	595	524	440
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	9,677	14,577	22,403	24,838	13,409	5,651	3,073	2,830
Medicare Benefits	114	131	151	114	117	135	193	101
Student Loans (1)	9,098	14,080	21,915	24,404	12,952	5,212	2,525	2,438
Veterans' Benefits (2)	115	79	60	43	118	98	84	18
Other	350	287	277	277	222	206	271	273
Other Contract Actions	18,637	16,317	17,060	17,560	18,195	18,154	16,683	15,612
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	5,473	5,663	5,972	6,711	7,290	8,059	7,373	5,845
Condemnation of Land	334	475	414	1,243	1,506	938	408	197
Foreclosure	3,764	3,790	4,302	4,209	4,458	5,592	5,319	4,306
Rent, Lease, and Ejectments	239	225	197	175	196	216	160	169
Torts to Land	390	397	401	377	388	353	791	385
Other Real Property Actions	746	776	658	707	742	960	695	788
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	58,289	50,362	44,426	36,586	33,663	62,919	45,054	55,023
Personal Injury, Total (3)	53,940	46,496	40,497	32,621	29,789	58,997	39,563	50,594
Personal Injury Product Liability, Total	32,856	26,886	18,781	14,428	12,307	41,135	21,611	34,100
Airplane	161	177	163	164	118	120	101	100
Marine	43	68	48	54	39	42	34	32
Motor Vehicle	537	438	433	421	654	564	609	618
Asbestos	7,143	9,111	8,948	7,187	5,041	26,818	1,562	1,471
Other	24,972	17,092	9,189	6,602	6,455	13,591	19,305	31,879
Other Personal Injury, Total	21,084	19,610	21,716	18,193	17,482	17,862	17,952	16,494
Airplane	740	733	678	747	714	846	659	483
Marine	2,298	2,110	4,995	2,006	2,164	1,978	1,814	1,841
Motor Vehicle	5,126	4,933	4,901	4,690	4,535	4,525	4,480	4,229
Assault, Libel and Slander	859	767	825	801	623	693	892	668
Fed Employers' Liability Act	1,943	1,635	1,264	1,108	1,067	944	975	782
Medical Malpractice	1,368	1,322	1,447	1,526	1,429	1,463	1,607	1,313
Other	8,750	8,110	7,606	7,315	6,950	7,413	7,525	7,178
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,349	3,866	3,929	3,965	3,874	3,922	5,491	4,429
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,693	2,170	2,244	2,265	2,224	2,359	3,860	2,909
Other Personal Property Damage	1,656	1,696	1,685	1,700	1,650	1,563	1,631	1,520

Table 2.2 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Nature of Suit

(Highlighted areas cover data previously provided in separate tables)

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL		119,784	117,327	118,762	119,337	132,818	143,398	149,788	156,209	167,520
Antitrust	658	615	527	654	502	653	686	781	689	
Bankruptcy, Total	6,024	4,799	5,179	5,050	5,405	6,302	5,497	5,046	4,565	
Appeal (28 USC 158)	4,300	4,108	4,330	4,332	4,626	4,892	4,558	4,312	3,872	
Withdrawal (28 USC 157)	1,724	691	849	718	779	1,410	939	734	693	
Banks and Banking	701	885	701	771	1,097	802	573	432	407	
Civil Rights, Total (4)	19,374	19,111	18,922	19,892	24,233	27,655	32,622	36,600	42,007	
Voting	354	160	140	247	494	213	224	208	229	
Employment	8,601	8,868	8,273	8,370	10,771	12,962	15,965	19,059	23,152	
Accommodations	322	329	364	452	527	590	730	735	932	
Welfare	134	117	137	130	125	114	122	116	83	
Other Civil Rights	9,963	9,637	10,008	10,693	12,316	13,776	15,581	16,482	17,611	
Commerce (ICC Rates, Etc.)	1,635	1,609	2,194	1,900	1,998	1,641	929	580	1,624	
Economic Stabilization Act	29	13	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Environmental Matters	867	960	1,004	1,080	1,236	1,054	1,120	1,081	1,131	
Deportation	106	70	66	54	88	104	117	106	150	
Prisoner Petitions, Total	39,732	41,499	43,199	42,316	48,423	53,451	57,940	63,550	68,235	
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,183	2,628	3,087	3,385	3,983	5,379	4,628	5,988	9,729	
Habeas Corpus	12,054	12,385	13,083	12,019	12,806	13,054	13,359	14,975	16,429	
Mandamus and Other	610	650	893	664	1,078	1,085	888	908	862	
Civil Rights/Prison Condition	24,885	25,836	26,136	26,248	30,556	33,933	39,065	41,679	41,215	
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	4,149	5,429	6,021	5,525	5,529	4,479	3,285	2,517	2,235	
Agricultural Acts	102	127	87	91	98	115	156	155	162	
Food and Drug Act	966	1,528	2,663	635	559	390	263	197	140	
Drug Related Seizure of Property	-	-	-	2,217	2,348	1,934	1,326	1,042	947	
Air Traffic Regulations	120	88	49	45	57	46	29	11	14	
Occupational Safety and Health Act	39	45	58	91	75	69	49	33	27	
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	2,922	3,641	3,164	2,446	2,392	1,925	1,462	1,079	945	
Labor Laws, Total	12,686	13,468	14,068	14,917	16,394	15,820	15,662	14,954	15,073	
Fair Labor Standards Act	1,390	1,367	1,257	1,328	1,464	1,457	1,545	1,580	1,558	
Labor Management Relations Act	2,698	2,473	2,272	2,039	2,219	2,050	2,142	1,984	1,902	
Labor Management Reporting & Disclosure Act	181	189	165	149	174	137	153	161	185	
Railway Labor Act	252	221	197	163	163	166	163	172	176	
E.R.I.S.A.*	-	-	-	9,843	10,918	10,536	10,216	9,517	9,655	
Other Labor Litigation	8,165	9,218	10,177	1,395	1,456	1,474	1,443	1,540	1,597	
Protected Property Rights, Total	6,035	5,856	5,738	5,186	5,830	6,560	6,902	6,866	7,028	
Copyright	2,264	2,253	2,078	1,795	2,080	2,588	2,828	2,417	2,263	
Patent	1,226	1,155	1,238	1,171	1,474	1,553	1,617	1,723	1,840	
Trademark	2,545	2,448	2,422	2,220	2,276	2,419	2,457	2,726	2,925	

Table 2.2 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Nature of Suit

(Highlighted areas cover data previously provided in separate tables)

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year								
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL		167,414	158,459	159,185	162,583	166,792	168,010	169,253	191,017
Antitrust	598	580	645	858	723	826	762	752	
Bankruptcy, Total	4,139	3,833	3,725	3,361	2,950	4,100	3,305	4,145	
Appeal (28 USC 158)	3,475	3,313	2,956	2,785	2,519	2,636	2,658	2,822	
Withdrawal (28 USC 157)	664	520	769	576	431	1,464	647	1,323	
Banks and Banking	280	236	220	205	214	251	223	366	
Civil Rights, Total (4)	43,278	42,354	41,304	40,908	40,910	40,420	40,516	40,239	
Voting	141	108	102	167	195	234	147	173	
Employment	23,796	23,735	22,490	21,032	21,157	20,955	20,507	19,746	
Accommodations	854	838	1,136	1,284	1,249	1,313	1,315	1,222	
Welfare	91	66	63	80	61	71	65	61	
Other Civil Rights	18,396	17,607	17,513	18,345	18,248	17,847	18,482	19,037	
Commerce (ICC Rates, Etc.)	502	593	672	891	584	595	538	470	
Economic Stabilization Act	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Environmental Matters	958	997	895	886	1,807	790	947	978	
Deportation	149	155	191	213	217	325	278	316	
Prisoner Petitions, Total	62,966	54,715	56,603	58,257	58,805	55,295	54,378	55,330	
Motions to Vacate Sentence	11,675	6,287	5,752	6,341	8,644	6,107	5,832	7,137	
Habeas Corpus	21,858	21,159	24,089	25,219	24,886	24,099	23,313	23,569	
Mandamus and Other	798	807	1,068	1,192	1,157	1,125	1,160	1,175	
Civil Rights/Prison Condition	28,635	26,462	25,505	24,118	23,964	24,073	23,449		
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,384	2,331	2,258	2,320	1,938	2,119	2,073	2,146	
Agricultural Acts	146	132	65	57	46	47	49	43	
Food and Drug Act	149	124	102	110	58	69	72	42	
Drug Related Seizure of Property	1,131	1,106	1,104	1,117	953	1,200	1,217	1,292	
Air Traffic Regulations	24	12	23	7	4	6	19	6	
Occupational Safety and Health Act	20	5	10	4	1	5	6	7	
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	914	952	954	1,025	876	792	710	756	
Labor Laws, Total	15,508	14,650	14,372	14,142	15,195	18,285	17,318	18,330	
Fair Labor Standards Act	1,633	1,562	1,717	1,935	1,960	3,904	2,751	3,617	
Labor Management Relations Act	1,927	1,744	1,782	1,542	1,445	1,529	1,618	1,641	
Labor Management Reporting & Disclosure Act	182	132	123	101	129	84	101	81	
Railway Labor Act	168	133	146	137	115	126	101	111	
E.R.I.S.A.*	10,045	9,609	9,298	9,124	10,292	11,232	11,304	11,421	
Other Labor Litigation	1,553	1,470	1,306	1,303	1,254	1,410	1,443	1,459	
Protected Property Rights, Total	7,559	7,748	8,242	8,738	8,314	8,254	8,934	9,590	
Copyright	2,258	2,082	2,093	2,050	2,446	2,084	2,448	3,007	
Patent	2,112	2,218	2,318	2,484	2,520	2,700	2,814	3,075	
Trademark	3,189	3,448	3,831	4,204	3,348	3,470	3,672	3,508	

Table 2.2 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Nature of Suit
 (Highlighted areas cover data previously provided in separate tables)

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	2,649	2,604	2,645	2,084	2,002	1,793	1,810	1,906	1,704	
Social Security Laws, Total (5)	13,750	9,326	6,895	8,491	8,958	11,747	10,927	9,354	9,347	
Health Insurance	201	124	119	139	125	137	108	81	71	
Black Lung Cases	45	16	28	16	20	17	17	11	12	
Disability Insurance	10,219	6,797	4,743	5,890	5,894	7,664	6,641	5,501	5,166	
Supplemental Security Income	2,894	2,088	1,774	2,138	2,537	3,476	3,682	3,347	3,656	
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	390	301	231	308	382	453	479	414	442	
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
RICO**	-	-	-	972	897	903	828	900	849	
State Reapportionment Suits	4	2	3	12	22	4	8	7	5	
Tax Suits	2,541	2,408	2,672	2,493	2,296	2,274	2,187	2,202	2,122	
Customer Challenge	30	33	39	27	37	34	36	33	22	
Freedom of Information Act	342	323	411	350	436	435	573	467	463	
Constitutionality of State Statutes	340	317	304	262	425	300	356	309	309	
Other Statutory Actions (6)	8,132	8,000	8,164	7,301	7,010	7,387	7,730	8,518	9,555	
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	147	98	126	141	102	163	100	89	9	
Domestic Relations	9	5	1	8	3	1	0	0	0	
Insanity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Probate	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	137	93	125	133	99	162	100	89	9	

Table 2.2 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Nature of Suit
(Highlighted areas cover data previously provided in separate tables)

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,669	2,358	2,563	2,678	3,538	3,465	3,189	3,094

Social Security Laws, Total (5)	13,605	14,552	13,920	15,829	17,074	18,322	17,127	15,873
Health Insurance	98	107	98	70	70	86	70	61
Black Lung Cases	17	9	13	20	16	20	10	4
Disability Insurance	7,583	7,770	7,334	8,122	8,623	8,739	7,931	7,061
Supplemental Security Income	5,204	5,887	5,689	6,762	7,361	8,313	7,792	7,916
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	703	779	786	855	1,004	1,164	1,324	831
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Employee Retirement Income Security Act (these filings were included in "other labor litigation" prior to 1991), **Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, "-" = data not reported

NOTE: Information on data fluctuations for specific nature of suits is shown in outlined sections in this table.

(1) Filings of defaulted student loans decreased from almost 12,000 in 1992 to slightly more than 1,000 by 1995 due to a change in Department of Education (DOE) policy on collection of delinquent loans. Renewed growth from 1996 to 2000 occurred as a result of streamlining of the loan processing system. In 2001, DOE implemented new administrative measures that caused fewer student loan cases to be filed in federal courts, as reflected in the 88% drop in these cases.

(2) Filings for overpayments of veterans benefits have decreased steadily as the Department of Veterans Affairs has used administrative actions and the Internal Revenue Service to recover overpayments rather than filing suit in district court. For additional information, see the 1991 Annual Report of the Director, page 86.

(3) The significant increase in personal injury filings between 1991 - 1996 was mostly attributable to breast implant cases and a large number of oil refinery cases filed in the Middle District of Louisiana. In 2002, personal injury product liability filings more than tripled due to a large number of plaintiffs seeking relief in the expectation that new laws may be enacted making it more difficult to file cases related to injuries involving asbestos. A significant increase in filings involving plaintiffs seeking relief due to the injurious side effects of the anti-cholesterol drug Baycol also contributed to the increase. The 58 percent increase in personal injury product liability filings in 2004 resulted from the transfer of several thousand cases to the Northern District of Ohio as part of multidistrict litigation involving welding products that contain manganese. In addition, a number of district courts experienced an influx of cases related to multidistrict litigation involving either Baycol or Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine (Fen-phen).

(4) Between 1990 and 1998 civil rights filings increased nearly 130 percent, largely because of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. (For additional information, see the June 1996 Report to the Subcommittee on Judicial Statistics on Increases in Civil Rights Filings.) Following a decline in 1998, civil rights filings have since stabilized.

(5) Social security filings increased between 1997 and 2002 due to a change in processing of backlogged cases by the Social Security Administration (SSA), but now appear to be stabilizing. For additional information, see the 1997 Annual Report of the Director, pages 16 and 17.

(6) In 2004, approximately 20,000 of these filings related to one case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina.

Source: Statistical Table C-2. For Civil Actions Filed for Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments - Published Statistical Table S-5 1988 through 1993, Table S-8 1994 through 2004. For Social Security Laws -- Published Statistical Table C-2 1988 through 2003, Table S-9 2004.

Table 2.3

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by District

Circuit & District	Fiscal Year								
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
TOTAL	240,821	225,685	217,013	210,890	230,509	229,850	236,391	248,335	269,132
DC	3,614	3,770	3,281	2,949	3,077	2,829	2,938	2,717	2,950
1ST	7,907	7,234	7,816	7,545	8,094	7,675	7,164	7,385	7,088
ME	694	617	632	687	757	655	692	746	731
MA	3,395	3,489	4,103	3,923	3,901	3,499	3,283	3,484	3,326
NH	609	621	586	609	903	735	720	691	699
RI	750	716	712	649	696	748	714	709	722
PR	2,459	1,791	1,783	1,677	1,837	2,038	1,755	1,755	1,610
2ND	19,256	19,514	19,043	19,059	22,392	22,185	22,079	22,676	23,801
CT	2,353	2,335	2,474	2,876	2,562	2,739	2,420	2,799	2,820
NY,N	1,372	1,619	1,440	1,475	1,702	1,725	1,698	1,852	2,102
NY,E	4,191	4,363	4,564	4,983	6,139	6,105	6,281	5,570	6,356
NY,S	9,588	9,134	8,746	7,966	10,038	9,609	9,745	10,273	10,542
NY,W	1,422	1,706	1,438	1,403	1,497	1,601	1,533	1,761	1,546
VT	330	357	381	356	454	406	402	421	435
3RD	23,820	22,403	20,878	20,161	20,664	19,742	21,290	21,713	22,279
DE	761	755	782	769	798	728	677	837	790
NJ	5,684	5,744	5,417	5,763	5,692	5,959	6,392	6,892	6,398
PA,E	10,972	10,018	8,996	8,164	8,150	7,650	8,715	8,500	9,126
PA,M	2,173	1,946	2,280	1,842	2,001	2,085	2,223	2,260	2,387
PA,W	3,418	3,250	2,736	2,836	3,632	2,821	2,930	2,873	3,173
VI	812	690	667	787	391	499	353	351	405
4TH	19,423	18,534	17,407	16,941	18,152	18,196	18,741	19,808	20,189
MD	3,883	3,888	3,467	3,551	3,563	3,817	4,191	3,993	4,393
NC,E	1,646	1,517	1,288	1,278	1,510	1,326	1,447	1,494	1,537
NC,M	1,263	925	697	644	771	765	773	914	1,067
NC,W	1,121	933	749	736	907	876	890	914	1,053
SC	3,417	3,507	3,084	3,763	3,850	3,631	3,563	4,214	3,908
VA,E	3,580	3,787	4,620	3,491	3,942	4,018	4,088	4,372	4,273
VA,W	2,059	1,876	1,502	1,592	1,748	1,878	2,021	2,111	2,112
WV,N	588	517	545	512	588	642	515	597	652
WV,S	1,866	1,584	1,455	1,374	1,273	1,243	1,253	1,199	1,194

Table 2.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by District

Circuit & District	Fiscal Year							
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
TOTAL	272,027	256,787	260,271	259,517	250,907	274,841	252,962	281,338
DC	3,003	3,365	3,577	3,356	2,958	2,690	2,756	2,449
1ST	7,694	7,150	6,927	6,906	6,422	6,817	6,516	6,604
ME	750	793	768	670	661	498	583	492
MA	3,542	3,263	3,352	3,241	2,884	3,164	3,202	3,312
NH	655	749	668	667	525	597	635	522
RI	767	689	624	674	618	603	590	826
PR	1,980	1,656	1,515	1,654	1,734	1,955	1,506	1,452
2ND	24,480	24,891	29,443	26,526	26,937	26,214	23,431	22,804
CT	2,861	2,763	2,729	2,705	2,638	2,455	2,349	2,341
NY,N	1,910	2,114	2,118	2,341	2,097	1,840	1,607	1,545
NY,E	7,397	8,190	8,701	8,664	8,403	7,601	6,742	5,956
NY,S	10,271	9,870	13,773	10,389	11,762	12,357	10,654	10,859
NY,W	1,595	1,490	1,711	1,915	1,562	1,613	1,707	1,741
VT	446	464	411	512	475	348	372	362
3RD	22,402	21,398	20,925	22,396	20,972	27,172	24,541	29,686
DE	774	793	961	1,227	930	1,849	1,225	1,655
NJ	6,514	6,292	6,387	6,485	6,280	6,581	6,292	6,624
PA,E	9,400	8,625	7,795	8,548	7,449	12,660	11,261	15,263
PA,M	2,040	2,173	2,368	2,402	2,488	2,473	2,499	2,993
PA,W	3,240	3,036	2,970	3,278	3,369	3,182	2,843	2,835
VI	434	479	444	456	456	427	421	316
4TH	20,784	20,840	20,719	21,260	22,339	26,602	21,593	39,653
MD	4,443	4,619	4,044	4,002	3,857	4,681	3,953	4,146
NC,E	1,549	1,568	1,451	1,497	1,518	1,407	1,516	1,498
NC,M	1,274	1,229	1,123	1,288	1,219	1,076	1,230	1,231
NC,W	1,234	1,068	1,043	1,108	1,201	970	1,080	1,114
SC (1)	4,045	4,142	4,354	4,195	4,924	4,325	4,280	23,599
VA,E	4,405	4,497	5,051	5,328	6,072	9,278	4,332	4,498
VA,W	1,851	1,780	1,797	1,910	1,726	2,255	1,857	1,492
WV,N	710	622	653	674	569	571	752	667
WV,S	1,273	1,315	1,203	1,258	1,253	2,039	2,593	1,408

Table 2.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by District

Circuit & District	Fiscal Year								
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
5TH	30,457	30,508	29,561	26,874	27,426	27,194	29,989	36,942	39,064
LA,E	5,869	5,792	5,101	4,575	4,110	4,056	4,112	4,010	4,050
LA,M	1,123	1,021	1,199	1,260	1,149	1,149	2,894	2,913	7,643
LA,W	3,336	3,149	3,041	2,762	2,554	2,342	2,327	2,432	2,928
MS,N	1,030	1,214	1,151	1,033	1,135	1,164	1,127	1,159	1,271
MSS	2,021	2,201	1,808	1,789	1,943	2,117	2,179	2,376	2,439
TX,N	5,041	5,193	4,967	4,576	4,776	4,690	4,658	4,937	6,086
TX,E	3,014	2,819	3,070	2,700	3,102	2,362	2,902	3,437	4,195
TX,S	6,048	5,946	5,883	5,494	5,868	6,353	6,845	12,564	6,951
TX,W	2,975	3,173	3,341	2,685	2,789	2,961	2,945	3,114	3,501
6TH	28,119	23,524	24,372	21,993	24,938	25,365	24,926	26,315	29,177
KY,E	2,274	2,082	1,712	2,046	1,800	2,044	2,031	1,989	2,088
KY,W	1,582	1,674	1,572	1,505	1,494	1,432	1,439	1,577	1,544
MI,E	6,663	5,347	4,963	5,495	7,790	5,028	4,853	5,153	5,866
MI,W	1,989	1,932	1,747	1,707	1,619	1,666	1,684	1,745	1,813
OH,N	7,041	4,736	6,992	4,389	4,464	7,659	7,499	8,184	9,197
OH,S	3,362	2,706	2,433	2,482	2,798	2,694	2,689	2,821	3,076
TN,E	2,247	2,243	2,087	1,730	2,161	2,034	1,932	1,841	2,276
TN,M	1,687	1,402	1,590	1,375	1,457	1,463	1,510	1,554	1,632
TN,W	1,274	1,402	1,276	1,264	1,355	1,345	1,289	1,451	1,685
7TH	20,097	18,316	16,880	16,950	18,073	17,000	17,754	17,753	18,983
IL,N	10,433	9,526	8,047	8,312	8,678	7,966	8,067	7,859	8,701
IL,C	1,301	1,101	1,128	1,239	1,381	1,309	1,365	1,391	1,385
IL,S	1,528	1,325	1,246	1,311	1,320	1,236	1,349	1,359	1,469
IN,N	2,037	1,548	1,427	1,484	1,641	1,745	1,794	2,042	2,189
IN,S	2,236	2,091	2,808	2,111	2,684	2,425	2,478	2,779	2,663
WI,E	1,431	1,636	1,323	1,408	1,398	1,464	1,544	1,357	1,507
WI,W	1,131	1,089	901	1,085	971	855	1,157	966	1,069
8TH	17,268	15,318	14,183	14,093	14,729	15,047	14,817	14,739	16,470

Table 2.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by District

Circuit & District		Fiscal Year							
5TH	34,032	30,720	32,959	31,412	29,619	33,882	33,366	32,083	
6TH	40,388	33,197	26,845	27,428	23,202	31,907	21,633	27,441	
K,Y,E	2,313	2,350	2,258	2,278	2,167	2,425	2,396	2,301	
K,Y,W	1,635	1,573	1,611	1,634	1,473	1,468	1,601	1,422	
M,I,E	16,500	9,829	6,569	5,807	4,929	4,903	4,938	4,871	
M,I,W	1,871	1,610	1,591	1,574	1,456	1,572	1,600	1,762	
O,H,N	9,585	9,721	6,833	7,850	5,368	14,080	3,740	9,558	
O,H,S	3,137	3,117	3,137	3,373	2,779	2,905	2,704	2,862	
T,N,E	2,193	1,841	1,758	1,742	1,553	1,675	1,720	1,685	
T,N,M	1,650	1,575	1,576	1,531	1,996	1,487	1,590	1,573	
T,N,W	1,504	1,581	1,512	1,639	1,481	1,392	1,344	1,407	
7TH	19,657	18,269	19,066	18,989	20,620	21,562	19,515	19,736	
I,L,N	9,580	8,878	9,491	8,843	10,340	10,096	10,145	9,615	
I,L,C	1,408	1,270	1,192	1,263	1,359	1,268	1,134	1,142	
I,L,S	1,511	1,341	1,335	1,382	1,223	2,985	1,141	1,268	
I,N,N	1,882	1,867	1,926	2,119	2,281	2,007	2,073	2,097	
I,N,S	2,988	2,608	2,808	2,833	3,272	3,127	2,964	3,142	
W,I,E	1,409	1,383	1,494	1,747	1,375	1,344	1,323	1,550	
W,I,W	879	922	820	802	770	735	735	922	
8TH	16,212	14,936	13,783	13,948	14,394	15,828	17,883	17,370	
A,R,E	2,505	2,248	2,382	2,317	2,234	2,092	2,236	2,662	
A,R,W	1,088	1,072	1,018	1,171	1,314	1,347	1,209	1,264	
I,A,N	728	597	637	663	657	622	569	607	
I,A,S	1,164	1,036	1,075	1,031	1,035	926	950	1,022	
M,N	2,890	3,001	2,138	2,878	2,411	4,299	6,731	5,603	
M,O,E	2,929	2,568	2,382	2,427	2,408	2,318	2,170	2,143	
M,O,W	3,008	2,563	2,398	1,633	2,561	2,394	2,177	2,314	
N,E	1,105	1,123	964	1,053	1,029	1,044	1,060	1,063	
N,D	332	284	331	331	277	322	288	289	
S,D	463	444	458	444	468	464	493	403	

Table 2.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by District

Circuit & District	Fiscal Year									
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
9TH	35,980	32,904	30,408	31,809	36,032	34,119	34,593	36,953	39,808	
AK	744	625	609	674	951	665	710	700	563	
AZ	3,281	2,997	2,863	2,830	3,351	3,292	3,502	3,660	3,989	
CA,N	5,951	5,557	4,617	5,167	6,062	5,659	5,518	5,223	5,833	
CA,E	2,452	2,624	2,451	2,349	2,900	2,974	3,118	3,382	3,579	
CA,C	11,282	9,424	9,014	10,069	11,153	9,471	9,547	10,303	10,599	
CA,S	2,147	1,972	1,864	1,890	2,137	2,055	2,116	2,881	3,498	
HI	1,328	983	948	765	858	952	1,003	1,050	1,117	
ID	684	578	640	539	538	524	595	570	614	
MT	994	926	759	743	709	749	701	683	756	
NV	1,667	1,767	1,633	1,689	1,913	2,233	2,071	2,140	2,129	
OR	2,172	1,989	1,998	2,005	2,109	2,115	2,279	2,592	2,545	
WA,E	781	877	707	649	650	663	578	729	1,031	
WA,W	2,363	2,475	2,208	2,307	2,594	2,665	2,720	2,855	3,387	
GU	76	76	74	100	83	76	88	130	114	
NMI	58	34	23	33	24	26	47	55	54	
10TH	12,629	12,078	11,188	10,534	11,902	12,724	12,577	12,545	12,821	
CO	2,211	2,338	2,310	2,126	2,585	2,787	3,042	3,286	3,157	
KS	2,152	2,151	1,923	1,789	1,903	1,988	1,937	1,898	2,012	
NM	1,593	1,497	1,292	1,254	1,412	1,611	1,558	1,564	1,838	
OK,N	1,694	1,167	1,141	1,022	1,110	1,248	1,288	1,292	1,238	
OK,E	787	704	680	726	872	995	788	620	691	
OK,W	2,450	2,472	2,233	2,014	2,442	2,375	2,271	2,168	2,310	
UT	1,305	1,309	1,218	1,224	1,213	1,270	1,321	1,323	1,143	
WY	437	440	391	379	365	450	372	394	432	
11TH	22,251	21,582	21,996	21,982	25,030	27,774	29,523	28,789	36,502	

Table 2.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by District

Circuit & District	Fiscal Year							
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
9TH	38,934	39,010	43,777	44,533	41,622	42,425	41,828	43,944
AK	635	503	757	484	461	392	394	374
AZ	3,522	3,214	3,073	3,268	3,238	3,361	3,333	3,530
CA,N	5,900	6,234	6,800	5,810	6,148	7,135	5,931	5,785
CA,E	3,544	3,863	4,196	4,675	4,213	4,228	4,508	4,631
CA,C	11,029	11,721	15,061	16,533	14,065	13,230	12,633	14,415
CA,S	2,550	2,591	3,018	2,782	2,618	2,858	2,817	2,845
HI	1,840	1,075	918	892	838	841	769	772
ID	627	547	597	760	697	626	574	659
MT	680	660	661	729	746	702	721	725
NV	2,481	2,926	2,670	2,351	2,304	2,399	2,488	2,557
OR	2,399	2,201	2,366	2,396	2,529	2,329	2,406	2,537
WA,E	658	689	625	729	715	739	850	956
WA,W	2,922	2,631	2,853	3,034	2,909	3,487	4,312	4,075
GU	82	71	116	53	85	46	44	52
NM	65	84	66	37	56	52	48	31
10TH	12,533	11,562	11,580	12,263	11,564	11,463	11,540	11,177
CO	2,921	2,854	2,713	2,600	2,667	2,604	2,680	2,847
KS	2,032	1,812	1,891	1,800	1,853	1,755	1,894	1,744
NM	1,822	1,692	1,578	1,888	1,636	1,600	1,614	1,486
OK,N	1,256	1,049	1,118	1,200	1,001	1,036	942	993
OK,E	765	678	703	795	839	741	749	638
OK,W	2,174	1,992	2,051	2,395	2,094	1,880	1,974	1,713
UT	1,171	1,079	1,170	1,200	1,158	1,525	1,358	1,402
WY	392	406	356	385	316	322	329	354
11TH	31,908	31,449	30,670	30,500	30,258	28,279	28,360	28,391
AL,N	4,978	6,693	3,795	3,716	3,547	3,422	3,559	3,694
AL,M	1,871	1,505	1,533	1,741	1,629	1,571	1,345	1,252
AL,S	1,251	1,344	1,261	1,148	955	1,016	992	899
FL,N	1,621	1,608	1,627	1,586	1,567	1,523	1,502	1,495
FL,M	7,125	6,434	7,005	7,017	6,695	6,315	6,890	7,253
FL,S	7,361	6,754	6,936	8,188	8,961	7,499	7,127	6,720
GA,N	4,877	4,587	4,412	4,314	4,438	4,572	4,642	4,822
GA,M	1,576	1,249	1,406	1,438	1,338	1,258	1,171	1,189
GA,S	1,248	1,275	2,695	1,352	1,128	1,103	1,132	1,067

(1) In 2004, the district experienced a significant growth in civil filings due to an influx of approximately 20,000 filings related to one case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina.

Source: Statistical Table C

Table 2.4

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Pending by Length of Time Pending

Fiscal Year	Total	Length of Time Pending				3 Years or More	
		Less Than 1 Year	1 to 2 Years	2 to 3 Years	3 Years or More		
					Number	Percent	
1988	245,594	148,493	53,202	21,981	21,918	8.9%	
1989	239,513	137,621	56,022	22,733	23,137	9.7%	
1990	242,808	134,550	55,456	27,130	25,672	10.6%	
1991	226,234	135,308	49,769	19,905	21,252	9.4%	
1992	225,439	138,544	46,823	22,823	17,249	7.7%	
1993	222,509	138,233	46,668	19,157	18,451	8.3%	
1994	226,071	145,807	47,754	18,424	14,086	6.2%	
1995	242,274	156,254	51,119	21,363	13,538	5.6%	
1996	252,753	164,936	48,722	22,943	16,152	6.4%	
1997	273,320	170,079	59,681	20,918	22,642	8.3%	
1998	267,088	151,382	61,484	28,601	25,621	9.6%	
1999	250,318	154,694	48,498	30,000	17,126	6.8%	
2000	249,261	153,033	45,651	20,143	30,434	12.2%	
2001	252,935	151,262	49,793	16,577	35,303	14.0%	
2002	265,926	161,727	49,111	20,784	34,304	12.9%	
2003	261,065	156,046	49,826	21,126	34,067	13.0%	
2004	286,053	177,370	52,303	20,415	35,965	12.6%	

NOTE: In 2000, the number of civil cases pending three years or more nearly doubled, primarily due to a large number of breast implant cases that were pending for many years. As of 2004, many of these cases are still pending.

Source: Statistical Table C-6

Table 2.5
U.S. District Courts. Civil Diversity Of Citizenship Cases Filed by Nature of Suit

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
TOTAL CASES	69,062	62,422	57,435	49,325	49,432	51,445	54,886	51,448
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	32,236	30,244	22,859	22,228	21,223	20,574	20,348	20,992
Insurance	6,962	6,709	5,983	6,211	6,228	6,243	6,278	6,528
Marine	196	213	202	180	151	165	180	157
Negotiable Instruments	1,910	1,960	1,162	1,216	1,045	845	771	771
Recovery of Overpayments & Enforcement of Judgments, Total	181	168	107	114	76	95	87	106
Other Contract Actions	22,987	21,194	15,405	14,507	13,723	13,226	13,032	13,430
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	4,007	3,385	2,192	2,313	2,222	1,592	1,485	1,531
Condemnation of Land	16	22	15	19	28	9	17	11
Foreclosure	2,971	2,372	1,310	1,554	1,431	920	845	798
Rent, Lease, Ejectment	246	237	148	175	163	113	112	137
Torts to Land, Including Prod. Liability	301	282	348	257	265	266	243	240
Other Real Property Actions	473	472	371	308	335	284	268	345
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	32,736	28,673	32,251	24,659	25,860	29,187	32,934	28,806
Personal Injury, Total	30,342	26,448	30,343	22,752	23,905	27,162	30,923	26,756
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	14,697	11,831	17,691	10,276	11,290	14,855	17,348	12,059
Airplane	153	170	168	102	98	85	104	99
Marine	45	42	234	31	36	30	13	28
Motor Vehicle	583	594	555	497	529	594	495	541
Asbestos	9,824	7,127	12,909	5,149	4,267	1,933	2,038	2,098
Other (1)	4,092	3,898	3,825	4,497	6,360	12,213	14,698	9,293
Other Personal Injury, Total	15,645	14,617	12,652	12,476	12,615	12,307	13,575	14,697
Airplane	518	497	571	444	405	367	354	432
Marine	511	471	442	430	421	382	321	356
Motor Vehicle	6,274	6,169	5,018	4,827	4,603	4,380	4,076	4,305
Assault, Libel & Slander	549	407	441	409	483	485	555	568
Medical Malpractice	899	856	769	801	848	802	845	800
Other (2)	6,894	6,217	5,411	5,565	5,855	5,891	7,424	8,236
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	2,394	2,225	1,908	1,907	1,955	2,025	2,011	2,050
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,017	980	915	922	945	983	1,000	1,091
Other Personal Property Damage	1,377	1,245	993	985	1,010	1,042	1,011	959
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	83	120	133	125	127	92	119	119

Table 2.5 (Continued)
U.S. District Courts. Civil Diversity Of Citizenship Cases Filed by Nature of Suit

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year								
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
TOTAL CASES	60,685	55,278	51,991	49,793	48,626	48,998	56,824	61,156	67,624
CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL	21,925	21,652	20,363	20,847	21,581	22,897	23,279	21,592	20,276
Insurance	6,712	6,748	6,271	6,197	6,259	6,685	7,518	7,277	7,166
Marine	174	130	141	127	149	146	114	106	116
Negotiable Instruments	719	501	432	393	401	466	447	393	332
Recovery of Overpayments & Enforcement of Judgments, Total	83	96	68	75	96	88	77	87	93
Other Contract Actions	14,237	14,177	13,451	14,055	14,676	15,512	15,123	13,729	12,569
REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL	2,026	2,049	2,113	2,282	2,085	2,204	3,079	3,575	2,773
Condemnation of Land	27	14	21	8	20	7	24	9	14
Foreclosure	1,280	1,390	1,428	1,688	1,430	1,530	2,399	2,510	2,061
Rent, Lease, Ejectment	143	111	106	83	86	111	103	85	92
Torts to Land, Including Prod. Liability	232	249	255	228	258	266	227	680	273
Other Real Property Actions	344	285	303	275	291	290	326	291	333
TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL	36,637	31,483	28,937	25,504	23,594	22,617	29,176	34,782	43,919
Personal Injury, Total	34,261	28,939	26,560	23,105	21,291	20,421	26,909	31,272	41,769
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	18,832	16,132	14,541	11,573	10,176	10,069	15,959	20,595	31,842
Airplane	92	108	140	125	133	84	89	75	68
Marine	37	25	46	32	33	26	25	18	22
Motor Vehicle	496	500	409	402	388	600	515	571	573
Asbestos	1,671	1,585	1,966	3,912	3,501	3,485	2,526	1,300	981
Other (1)	16,536	13,914	11,980	7,702	6,121	5,874	12,804	18,631	30,198
Other Personal Injury, Total	15,429	12,807	12,019	11,532	11,115	10,352	10,950	10,677	9,927
Airplane	428	462	490	381	367	365	389	293	244
Marine	273	288	253	216	208	178	214	169	218
Motor Vehicle	4,291	4,180	4,015	3,919	3,821	3,658	3,686	3,641	3,495
Assault, Libel & Slander	555	596	503	537	535	390	449	507	398
Medical Malpractice	771	784	730	798	857	763	790	844	668
Other (2)	9,111	6,497	6,028	5,681	5,327	4,998	5,422	5,223	4,904
PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL	2,376	2,544	2,377	2,399	2,303	2,196	2,267	3,510	2,150
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,342	1,535	1,225	1,231	1,149	1,091	1,229	2,418	1,136
Other Personal Property Damage	1,034	1,009	1,152	1,168	1,154	1,105	1,038	1,092	1,014
OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL	97	94	578	1,160	1,366	1,280	1,290	1,207	656

(1) Other personal injury product liability filings continued to increase in 2003 due to a large number of plaintiffs seeking relief due to the injurious side effects of the anti-cholesterol drug Baycol. In 2004, total diversity of citizenship filings rose significantly due to a 58 percent increase in personal injury product liability filings. Most of the growth resulted from the transfer of several thousand cases to the Northern District of Ohio as part of multidistrict litigation involving welding products that contain manganese. In addition, a number of district courts experienced an influx of cases related to multidistrict litigation involving either Baycol or Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine (Fen-phen).

(2) The significant increase in other personal injury cases between 1994 - 1996 was mostly attributable to a large number of oil refinery cases filed in the Middle District of Louisiana.

NOTE: Due to an increase in jurisdictional amount from \$10,000 to \$50,000 in May 1989, diversity filings decreased significantly in 1990 and 1991. For further discussion, see the 1990 Annual Report of the Director, page 8. Since the jurisdictional amount was raised again in January 1997 from \$50,000 to \$75,000, filings then decreased through 2000 but have increased in the last two years. See the 1997 Annual Report and the Statistics Division report entitled Federal Judicial Caseload: A Five Year Retrospective.

Table 2.8

U.S. District Courts. Product Liability Cases Filed by Nature of Suit

Fiscal Year	Total	Contract Actions	Torts to Land	Property Damage	Personal Injury				
					Airline	Marine	Motor Vehicle	Asbestos	Other
1988	18,054	455	80	434	174	108	649	11,812	4,342
1989	13,672	401	85	406	190	73	643	7,818	4,056
1990	19,621	383	65	334	191	277	589	13,809	3,973
1991	11,691	324	50	365	111	55	533	5,596	4,657
1992	13,159	286	72	364	114	75	567	5,131	6,550
1993	19,774	309	81	425	95	65	630	5,683	12,486
1994	22,988	233	83	384	115	42	534	6,518	15,079
1995	28,226	249	64	366	155	53	566	6,916	19,857
1996	28,329	277	56	412	135	55	550	7,289	19,555
1997	33,649	294	60	439	161	43	537	7,143	24,972
1998	27,775	293	61	535	177	68	438	9,111	17,092
1999	19,664	304	60	519	163	48	433	8,948	9,189
2000	15,318	350	72	468	164	54	421	7,187	6,602
2001	13,206	280	94	525	118	39	654	5,041	6,455
2002	41,934	291	83	425	120	42	564	26,818	13,591
2003	22,509	314	90	494	101	34	609	1,562	19,305
2004	34,928	260	99	469	100	32	618	1,471	31,879

NOTE: These filings increased significantly between 1990 and 1997, primarily due to a rise in the number of breast implant cases and because some of these cases were reported as new filings more than one time. (For additional information refer to the civil section of the 1999 Annual Report of the Director.) In 2001, product liability cases reached their lowest level since 1992 as a result of continued declines in asbestos and breast implant cases, but more than tripled in 2002 due to a large number of plaintiffs seeking relief in the expectation that new laws may be enacted making it more difficult to file cases related to injuries involving asbestos. A significant increase in filings in which plaintiffs are seeking relief due to the injurious side effects of the anti-cholesterol drug Baycol also continues to contribute to the increase in product liability filings. The 58 percent increase in personal injury product liability filings in 2004 resulted from the transfer of several thousand cases to the Northern District of Ohio as part of multidistrict litigation involving welding products that contain manganese. In addition, a number of district courts experienced an influx of cases related to multidistrict litigation involving either Baycol or Phentermine\Fenfluramine\Dexfenfluramine (Fen-phen).

Source: Personal injury product liability data from Statistical Table C-2, contract actions, torts to land, and property damage Table S-7 (1990-1993) and Table S-10 (1994-2004).

Table 2.9

U.S. District Courts. Prisoner Petitions Filed by Nature of Suit

Fiscal Year	Grand Total	U.S. Cases					Private Cases				
		Total	Motions to Vacate Sentence	Habeas Corpus General*	Prison Conditions & Civil Rights	Mandamus and Other	Total	Habeas Corpus General	Death Penalty	Prison Conditions & Civil Rights	Mandamus and Other
1988	39,732	5,183	2,183	1,800	860	340	34,549	10,251	3	24,025	270
1989	41,503	5,760	2,628	1,784	1,029	319	35,743	10,596	24	24,792	331
1990	43,209	7,103	3,087	2,333	1,130	553	36,106	10,656	79	25,030	341
1991	42,316	6,318	3,385	1,660	884	389	35,998	10,288	71	25,364	275
1992	48,423	6,997	3,983	1,507	910	597	41,426	11,163	136	29,646	481
1993	53,451	8,456	5,379	1,467	915	695	44,995	11,487	100	33,018	390
1994	57,940	7,700	4,628	1,441	1,140	491	50,240	11,774	144	37,925	397
1995	63,550	8,951	5,988	1,343	1,110	510	54,599	13,462	170	40,569	398
1996	68,235	13,095	9,729	1,703	1,219	444	55,140	14,500	226	39,996	418
1997	62,966	14,952	11,675	1,902	974	401	48,014	19,724	232	27,661	397
1998	54,715	9,937	6,287	2,321	983	346	44,778	18,588	250	25,479	461
1999	56,603	10,859	5,752	3,590	962	555	45,744	20,251	248	24,732	513
2000	58,257	11,880	6,341	3,870	1,041	628	46,377	21,090	259	24,464	564
2001	58,805	14,619	8,644	4,440	1,019	516	44,186	20,254	192	23,099	641
2002	55,292	12,190	6,107	4,483	1,046	554	43,102	19,390	225	22,918	569
2003	54,378	11,981	5,832	4,341	1,257	551	42,397	18,744	228	22,816	609
2004	55,330	13,908	7,137	4,923	1,334	514	41,422	18,432	214	22,115	661

*Includes U.S. death penalty cases.

NOTE: Prisoner petitions increased 60 percent between 1988 and 1995. Following the 1995 Supreme Court decision in *Bailey v. U.S.*, filings of motions to vacate sentence increased 62 percent, which contributed largely to the 7 percent increase in overall prisoner petitions filed in 1996. As a result of the Prison Litigation Reform Act and Title I of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, both of which passed in April 1996, filings decreased in 1997 and 1998, then increased through 2001 in response to *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530, U.S. 466. (For additional information, see the September 1997 Report to the Subcommittee on Judicial Statistics on Prisoner Petition Filings.) In 2002 and 2003 these filings again decreased, mostly due to large drops in motions to vacate sentence and habeas corpus petitions. Since 2003, prisoner petitions filings have increased slightly as a result of a 22 percent increase in motions to vacate sentence that was partially offset by declines in prison conditions and civil rights filings.

Source: Statistical Table C-3. Fiscal year 1993 and 1997 special 5 year C-3 Table for habeas corpus and civil rights. Total prisoner petitions do not match exactly the data reported on the C-2 Table for 1989 and 1990.

Table 2.11
U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed, Terminated, Pending

Fiscal Year *	Authorized Judgeships	Filed	Terminated	Pending
1960	245	59,284	61,829	61,251
1961	308	58,293	55,416	64,128
1962	308	61,836	57,996	67,968
1963	308	63,630	62,379	69,219
1964	308	66,930	63,954	72,195
1965	306	67,678	65,478	74,395
1966	336	70,906	66,184	79,117
1967	340	70,961	70,172	79,906
1968	341	71,449	68,873	82,482
1969	340	77,193	73,354	86,321
1970	401	87,321	80,435	93,207
1971	401	93,396	86,563	100,040
1972	400	96,173	95,181	101,032
1973	400	98,560	98,259	101,333
1974	400	103,530	97,633	107,230
1975	400	117,320	104,783	119,767
1976	399	130,597	110,175	140,189
1977	398	133,929	118,674	160,899
1978	399	140,544	129,618	171,639
1979	516	160,016	147,188	183,856
1980	516	171,074	163,869	190,448
1981	516	185,622	180,833	195,460
1982	515	212,559	196,120	211,964
1983	515	250,855	219,780	243,034
1984	515	259,956	251,486	251,505
1985	575	278,681	272,356	257,425
1986	575	246,733	258,382	245,768
1987	575	234,467	232,277	246,859
1988	575	240,821	236,625	248,866
1989	575	225,685	229,943	242,746
1990	575	217,013	214,435	241,512
1991	649	210,890	216,349	234,798
1992	649	230,509	231,304	225,439
1993	649	229,850	226,165	222,509
1994	649	236,391	228,361	226,071
1995	649	248,335	229,820	242,274
1996	647	269,132	250,387	252,753
1997	647	272,027	249,641	273,320
1998	646	256,787	262,301	267,088
1999	646	260,271	272,526	250,318
2000	655	259,517	259,637	249,261
2001	665	250,907	248,174	252,935
2002	665	274,841	259,537	265,926
2003	680	252,962	253,015	261,065
2004	679	281,338	252,761	286,053

* 1960 - 1976 data are year ended June 30, subsequent data are year ended September 30.

NOTE: Since the last Omnibus Judgeship Bill in 1990 (P.L. 101-650), thirty-four additional judgeships have been created in the district courts. In addition, four temporary judgeships created by the 1990 Act had lapsed as of September 30, 2004.

Source: Statistical Table C-1 (1960-1985), Table C (1986-2004) and Federal Court Management Statistics

Table 2.12

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Origin

Fiscal Year*	Total	Original Filings**	Removals from State Courts (1)	Remands from Courts of Appeals	Reopens	Transfers***
1988	240,821	202,313	21,423	1,121	11,867	4,097
1989	225,685	186,651	25,055	1,264	8,970	3,745
1990	217,013	177,684	26,989	1,066	9,171	2,103
1991	210,890	173,738	24,873	1,069	6,711	4,499
1992	230,509	187,924	27,022	961	9,051	5,551
1993	229,850	185,360	27,149	957	7,691	5,008
1994	236,391	186,842	29,988	830	8,059	10,672
1995	248,335	190,843	39,901	796	7,727	9,068
1996	269,132	204,542	40,593	875	8,262	14,860
1997	272,027	209,345	30,715	794	8,940	22,233
1998	256,787	199,280	31,543	943	10,123	14,898
1999	260,271	204,411	29,937	907	16,032	8,984
2000	259,517	212,454	30,194	914	9,135	6,820
2001	250,907	203,968	30,683	870	8,355	7,031
2002	274,841	198,002	55,480	814	11,819	8,726
2003	252,962	192,618	36,228	844	12,085	11,187
2004	281,338	217,309	34,443	697	10,217	18,672

*2003 data were revised in the 2004 Annual Report.

**This column includes small numbers of appeals from magistrate judgements (1988-1996) and cases of unknown origin (1997-2004); thus, the totals may not match original filings numbers shown on Table S-7 of the Annual Report.

***Transfers are calculated for FY 1988 - 1996 because earlier tables did not include MDL transfers; thus, total civil cases filed may not match that of Table S-7 of the Annual Report.

(1) The significant increase in cases removed from state courts in 2003 involved asbestos "friction products" that relate to automotive brake pads.

Source: Statistical Table S-4 (1988 - 1993) and S-7 (1994 - 2004)

Table 2.13

U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Terminated by Action Taken

Fiscal Year	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						% Reaching Trial	
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After Trial				
						Total	Nonjury	Jury		
1991	219,541	45,214	174,327	144,427	21,739	8,161	3,964	4,197	3.7%	
1992	230,750	50,350	180,400	146,976	25,386	8,038	3,751	4,287	3.5%	
1993	225,637	42,737	182,900	154,700	20,460	7,740	3,622	4,118	3.4%	
1994	227,923	39,789	188,134	159,277	20,947	7,910	3,460	4,450	3.5%	
1995	229,325	36,558	192,767	166,017	19,307	7,443	3,317	4,126	3.2%	
1996	250,006	36,809	213,197	186,394	19,238	7,565	3,206	4,359	3.0%	
1997	249,336	38,545	210,791	182,812	20,620	7,359	2,802	4,557	3.0%	
1998	261,902	39,765	222,137	193,481	21,873	6,783	2,452	4,331	2.6%	
1999	272,062	43,872	228,190	200,522	21,440	6,228	2,226	4,002	2.3%	
2000	259,234	43,281	215,953	189,808	20,365	5,780	2,001	3,779	2.2%	
2001	247,592	41,969	205,623	180,205	20,017	5,401	1,768	3,633	2.2%	
2002	258,992	41,585	217,407	192,030	20,808	4,569	1,563	3,006	1.8%	
2003	252,197	41,054	211,143	186,472	20,465	4,206	1,532	2,674	1.7%	
2004	252,016	54,273	197,743	174,212	19,580	3,951	1,422	2,529	1.6%	

NOTE: Land Condemnation Cases Omitted.

Source: Statistical Table C-4

Table 2.14

U.S. District Courts. Social Security Cases Filed by District

District	Fiscal Year*								
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
TOTAL	15,152	10,206	7,439	7,692	8,958	11,747	10,927	9,354	9,347
DC	140	116	102	43	31	42	35	15	19
1ST	616	349	314	282	405	573	344	212	188
ME	55	28	15	15	10	31	11	15	21
MA	72	63	52	67	69	123	73	58	38
NH	81	35	23	20	41	54	49	27	32
RI	13	16	7	10	18	20	10	13	22
PR	395	207	217	170	267	345	201	99	75
2ND	1,170	792	538	506	516	814	830	643	597
CT	108	87	64	66	61	72	62	42	40
NY,N	97	72	54	58	44	63	87	93	88
NY,E	450	303	193	188	192	374	327	263	227
NY,S	302	201	131	108	121	192	243	153	153
NY,W	183	105	69	66	76	92	83	75	69
VT	30	24	27	20	22	21	28	17	20
3RD	972	883	655	508	441	794	749	552	676
DE	23	15	21	23	16	22	10	13	10
NJ	312	222	187	136	124	220	243	196	226
PA,E	202	223	167	122	106	162	151	127	122
PA,M	110	86	56	41	43	95	73	59	78
PA,W	324	336	224	186	152	295	271	156	240
VI	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
4TH	1,998	1,299	719	706	1,094	1,463	1,158	1,048	971
MD	175	153	86	86	98	149	104	95	96
NC,E	89	28	35	10	71	62	49	59	55
NC,M	52	21	19	6	94	98	103	95	79
NC,W	120	37	47	9	140	81	81	85	71
SC	313	187	119	147	204	287	255	204	170
VA,E	91	46	27	21	24	52	37	35	28
VA,W	568	367	177	214	232	438	237	236	237
WV,N	106	70	33	22	28	49	61	43	44
WV,S	484	390	176	191	203	247	231	196	191

Table 2.14 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Social Security Cases Filed by District		Fiscal Year*							
District		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
TOTAL		13,605	14,552	13,920	15,829	17,074	18,322	17,127	15,873
DC		14	25	34	41	27	28	35	23
1ST		373	373	306	223	283	474	446	348
ME	26	41	33	48	49	45	89	76	76
MA	84	86	80	66	77	78	72	97	97
NH	47	49	41	36	45	68	58	39	39
RI	19	22	19	21	25	32	39	41	41
PR	197	175	133	52	87	251	188	95	95
2ND		997	1,227	1,105	1,002	1,228	1,073	949	810
CT	78	106	63	44	78	66	45	30	30
NY,N	104	160	130	166	169	151	131	152	152
NY,E	427	476	396	322	350	363	340	264	264
NY,S	268	294	350	286	406	294	248	220	220
NY,W	87	148	138	138	187	172	152	123	123
VT	33	43	28	46	38	27	33	21	21
3RD		1,067	1,194	980	1,268	1,925	1,937	1,466	1,409
DE	13	16	22	41	32	44	25	20	20
NJ	341	313	266	282	361	415	274	280	280
PA,E	237	328	290	346	595	631	481	477	477
PA,M	105	122	110	140	237	230	202	195	195
PA,W	371	415	292	458	700	617	482	437	437
VI	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
4TH		1,489	1,805	1,713	1,818	1,625	2,109	2,062	1,686
MD	126	233	297	319	275	375	259	239	239
NC,E	90	92	99	120	108	159	163	175	175
NC,M	133	148	144	143	101	114	107	92	92
NC,W	108	106	107	106	93	88	100	78	78
SC	259	318	274	212	207	288	346	253	253
VA,E	49	66	67	79	101	126	116	89	89
VA,W	345	364	376	366	332	494	465	330	330
WV,N	46	80	74	122	102	105	125	127	127
WV,S	333	398	275	351	306	360	381	303	303

Table 2.14 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Social Security Cases Filed by District

District	Fiscal Year*								
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
5TH	1,153	820	558	667	887	1,001	785	740	682
KY,E	177	135	80	102	135	158	86	73	74
KY,W	60	34	13	33	27	32	37	35	21
LA,M	324	189	147	180	216	250	150	156	105
LA,W	67	47	36	29	40	65	64	50	25
MS,N	143	87	57	54	85	71	48	73	69
TX,N	102	90	96	77	121	138	123	116	104
TX,E	103	100	54	68	108	92	89	87	113
TX,S	74	80	38	72	89	92	94	77	99
TX,W	103	58	37	52	66	103	94	73	72
6TH	3,247	2,316	1,332	1,829	1,849	2,285	2,120	1,732	1,757
KY,E	825	566	320	410	325	455	472	379	483
KY,W	129	94	63	67	72	112	164	106	124
MI,E	718	501	271	449	395	455	379	306	263
MI,W	290	144	84	130	116	128	111	83	67
OH,N	603	391	270	398	454	501	447	349	300
OH,S	546	333	147	171	185	123	136	142	180
TN,E	71	147	89	116	192	338	316	291	274
TN,M	42	92	49	66	58	94	69	53	47
TN,W	23	48	39	22	52	79	26	23	19
7TH	652	537	252	350	387	418	458	378	373
IL,N	212	193	90	108	115	108	122	95	83
IL,C	43	49	25	28	50	64	80	53	28
IL,S	60	39	19	30	30	45	41	27	45
IN,N	67	52	24	49	40	32	38	36	35
IN,S	146	94	44	88	63	88	98	101	133
WI,E	90	74	44	33	67	68	56	52	41
WI,W	34	36	6	14	22	13	23	14	8
8TH	1,449	892	835	748	860	1,444	1,344	925	1,144
AR,E	410	230	194	190	213	371	299	225	371
AR,W	117	71	78	69	118	190	163	82	114
IA,N	111	89	53	32	54	73	67	76	58
IA,S	119	96	88	73	70	131	170	101	92
MN	183	95	93	63	107	148	120	72	92
MO,E	181	127	144	117	82	162	201	124	128
MO,W	240	143	133	167	167	316	275	204	221
NE	51	22	24	12	13	17	14	13	24
ND	13	7	10	11	19	19	25	14	27
SD	24	12	18	14	17	17	10	14	17

Table 2.14 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts, Social Security Cases Filed by District

District	Fiscal Year*						
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
5TH	962	1,027	1,001	1,160	1,348	1,631	1,264
KY,E	104	99	116	143	114	144	93
KY,W	36	47	36	35	34	65	42
LA,M	175	181	147	204	209	322	204
LA,W	30	51	44	69	95	50	43
MS,N	75	57	74	57	74	64	38
TX,N	159	229	168	193	270	289	279
TX,E	119	129	120	150	183	193	177
TX,S	132	131	185	214	213	220	185
TX,W	132	103	111	95	156	284	203
6TH	2,499	2,610	2,597	2,762	2,453	2,845	2,595
KY,E	832	912	784	831	679	955	993
KY,W	156	178	156	167	201	170	185
MI,E	316	326	303	332	357	408	293
MI,W	144	110	128	144	141	212	190
OH,N	376	358	473	503	421	344	247
OH,S	239	278	298	259	223	309	275
TN,E	348	301	299	376	310	306	286
TN,M	52	73	97	69	68	87	71
TN,W	36	74	59	81	53	54	55
7TH	561	516	562	530	599	614	535
IL,N	107	125	150	126	149	146	133
IL,C	70	52	41	29	52	44	37
IL,S	42	39	33	60	61	71	46
IN,N	71	45	45	55	67	66	69
IN,S	189	146	198	160	173	174	170
WI,E	69	74	73	83	71	79	60
WI,W	13	35	22	17	26	34	20
8TH	1,812	1,375	1,198	1,192	2,186	1,840	1,536
AR,E	592	376	392	383	502	393	307
AR,W	238	197	149	247	473	395	355
IA,N	80	68	89	73	85	98	86
IA,S	162	134	118	91	140	109	104
MN	117	130	76	87	177	121	99
MO,E	147	102	82	111	223	179	147
MO,W	390	300	235	143	503	419	314
NE	27	17	12	21	30	56	39
ND	35	16	26	14	15	28	26
SD	24	35	19	22	38	42	59

*Fiscal Year July 1 through June 30.

Source: U.S. District Courts, Social Security Cases Filed by District.

Table 2.14 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Social Security Cases Filed by District

District	Fiscal Year*									
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
9TH	1,703	898	946	789	938	1,010	1,281	1,190	1,110	
AK	11	1	9	6	1	3	2	9	6	
AZ	116	39	34	24	36	31	35	56	52	
CAN	289	139	123	76	114	96	124	159	153	
CAE	268	139	200	163	193	174	266	218	133	
CAC	349	192	226	163	217	256	297	319	333	
CAS	128	63	75	66	74	52	83	56	71	
HI	5	6	3	4	2	1	4	2	3	
ID	53	32	14	22	15	15	16	13	9	
MT	65	43	49	51	67	64	74	61	51	
NV	12	5	5	5	6	6	5	10	8	
OR	186	86	83	93	109	140	188	124	137	
WA,E	92	61	45	45	25	49	49	53	59	
WA,W	129	92	79	71	78	123	138	110	95	
GU	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
NMI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10TH	423	341	267	302	435	596	570	620	658	
CO	45	34	26	35	42	44	45	51	45	
KS	76	46	24	31	59	59	60	80	63	
NM	75	69	44	58	51	110	109	153	183	
OK,N	35	34	31	51	68	129	127	125	153	
OK,E	67	30	34	47	76	105	108	85	106	
OK,W	78	104	84	64	121	124	88	95	89	
UT	36	16	16	14	15	19	30	24	15	
WY	11	8	8	2	3	6	3	7	4	
11TH	1,629	963	921	962	1,115	1,307	1,253	1,299	1,172	
AL,N	468	249	289	341	346	326	354	259	212	
AL,M	158	109	81	80	53	69	68	91	104	
AL,S	134	79	84	104	102	102	89	92	105	
FL,N	84	57	37	49	45	54	66	45	52	
FL,M	250	141	117	112	221	304	261	346	305	
FL,S	122	86	52	45	79	105	141	95	58	
GA,N	207	130	128	102	115	169	108	148	142	
GA,M	109	65	77	86	96	125	117	137	121	
GA,S	97	47	56	43	58	53	49	86	73	

Table 2.14 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts, Social Security Cases Filed by District

District	Fiscal Year*						
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
9TH	1,376	1,649	1,792	2,476	2,454	2,733	3,406
AK	4	5	9	7	13	23	18
AZ	91	89	104	123	108	125	117
CA,N	159	190	201	235	214	150	190
CA,E	152	165	198	389	333	363	497
CA,C	483	620	643	800	812	988	1,393
CA,S	72	73	111	142	131	164	110
HI	3	11	11	9	11	8	7
ID	21	19	17	35	46	47	40
MT	69	47	38	48	71	60	51
NV	9	23	13	24	35	23	18
OR	139	196	219	327	343	344	419
WA,E	53	65	75	120	135	204	262
WA,W	121	146	153	217	202	234	284
GU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NMI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10TH	969	824	816	939	969	1,126	1,077
CO	71	83	81	81	86	161	138
KS	92	106	86	111	141	165	174
NM	276	228	183	180	199	213	202
OK,N	206	134	168	207	136	130	105
OK,E	150	126	129	148	166	174	190
OK,W	135	108	113	156	185	188	190
UT	31	27	46	42	44	90	59
WY	8	12	10	14	12	5	19
11TH	1,486	1,927	1,816	2,418	1,977	1,912	1,756
AL,N	274	376	387	547	398	442	353
AL,M	104	118	91	165	130	106	83
AL,S	127	172	121	120	120	181	110
FL,N	88	132	83	106	99	89	96
FL,M	394	481	499	737	563	536	599
FL,S	95	166	141	158	164	152	156
GA,N	210	261	241	299	236	193	171
GA,M	126	138	151	210	208	168	114
GA,S	68	83	102	76	59	45	74
							55

*Date for 1988 through 1991 are for year ended June 30.

Note. Social security filings increased between 1997 and 2002 due to a change in processing of backlogged cases by the Social Security Administration (SSA), but have since declined 13 percent. For additional information, see the 1997 Annual Report of the Director, pages 16 and 17. Beginning in 2000, the SSA has been testing a redesigned disability claim filing process which no longer requires individuals to make a request for an Appeals Council review before seeking judicial review in the district court. Under the redesign plan, the following 10 states have implemented this process: New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Alaska, California, Colorado, and Alabama.

Table 2.15**U.S. District Courts. Copyright, Patent and Trademark Cases Filed**

Fiscal Year	Grand Total	U.S. Cases			Private Cases			
		Total	Patent	Trademark	Total	Copyright	Patent	Trademark
1988	6,034	50	35	15	5,984	2,265	1,189	2,530
1989	5,865	31	22	9	5,834	2,251	1,140	2,443
1990	5,729	37	24	13	5,692	2,075	1,212	2,405
1991	5,186	31	16	15	5,155	1,795	1,155	2,205
1992	5,830	37	24	13	5,793	2,080	1,450	2,263
1993	6,560	38	25	13	6,522	2,588	1,528	2,406
1994	6,902	30	14	16	6,872	2,828	1,603	2,441
1995	6,866	27	17	10	6,839	2,417	1,706	2,716
1996	7,028	36	28	8	6,992	2,263	1,812	2,917
1997	7,559	23	14	9	7,536	2,258	2,098	3,180
1998	7,748	41	31	10	7,707	2,082	2,187	3,438
1999	8,242	41	32	9	8,201	2,093	2,286	3,822
2000	8,738	41	24	17	8,697	2,050	2,460	4,187
2001	8,314	32	24	8	8,282	2,446	2,496	3,340
2002	8,254	32	20	12	8,222	2,084	2,680	3,458
2003	8,934	41	26	15	8,893	2,448	2,788	3,657
2004	9,590	32	20	12	9,558	3,007	3,055	3,496

NOTE: These filings increased steadily from 1991 through 2000, due to a rapid growth in advanced technology and an increase in the number of companies and individuals who view their intellectual property (patents, trademarks and copyrights) as assets to be protected. Filings decreased between 2000 and 2002, primarily because of a significant decline in trademark filings. The significant growth in overall filings in 2004 resulted primarily from a 44 percent increase in copyright filings. Much of the increase occurred after a judge ruled that a case originally filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania against more than 200 defendants must be refiled as individual cases against each defendant.

Source: Special C-3 Table

Table 2.16**U.S. District Courts. Civil Consent Cases Terminated by U.S. Magistrate Judge Under 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c)**

Fiscal Years*	Total	Without Trial	Jury Trial	NonJury Trial
1988	5,903	4,914	550	439
1989	5,354	4,349	422	583
1990	4,958	3,950	495	513
1991	4,986	3,874	538	574
1992	5,479	4,111	667	701
1993	6,740	5,240	673	827
1994	7,835	6,092	912	831
1995	8,967	7,371	813	783
1996	9,948	8,029	955	964
1997	10,081	8,318	964	799
1998	10,339	8,791	892	656
1999	11,320	9,822	850	648
2000	11,481	10,181	750	550
2001	12,024	10,945	590	489
2002	12,710	11,751	472	487
2003	13,811	13,044	479	288
2004	13,092	12,440	422	230

*1988 - 1991 data are year ended June 30, subsequent data are year ended September 30.

Source: Statistical Table M-5

Table 3.1

U.S. District Courts. Criminal Cases and Defendants Filed, Terminated, Pending (Includes Transfers)

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed			Terminated		Pending	
		Cases	Defendants	Defendants Per Case Ratio	Cases	Defendants	Cases	Defendants
1977	398	39,464	52,109	1.3	42,575	55,900	17,025	24,400
1978	399	34,255	45,127	1.3	34,695	46,230	16,084	22,607
1979	516	31,196	41,634	1.3	31,559	42,151	14,959	21,189
1980	516	29,387	39,914	1.4	28,606	38,538	15,211	21,862
1981	515	31,280	42,669	1.4	29,705	40,400	16,387	23,565
1982	515	33,097	45,148	1.4	31,877	43,572	17,671	25,241
1983	515	35,390	48,489	1.4	33,664	45,876	19,291	27,704
1984	515	37,829	52,197	1.4	36,262	49,403	20,882	30,510
1985	575	39,720	53,929	1.4	38,190	51,509	22,396	32,922
1986	575	42,343	58,442	1.4	39,470	53,988	25,262	37,370
1987	575	44,246	59,887	1.4	43,220	58,589	26,061	38,345
1988	575	44,699	61,261	1.4	41,878	55,993	28,753	43,463
1989	575	46,828	64,197	1.4	42,933	59,180	32,671	48,545
1990	575	48,035	65,855	1.4	44,570	60,647	36,131	53,768
1991	649	46,189	65,379	1.4	42,527	59,685	38,970	58,456
1992	649	48,366	68,668	1.4	44,147	62,470	43,781	65,624
1993	649	46,786	65,653	1.4	44,800	64,048	36,064	53,924
1994	649	45,473	62,956	1.4	45,129	62,155	29,045	45,006
1995	649	45,788	64,771	1.4	41,527	57,275	30,589	47,978
1996	647	47,889	67,700	1.4	45,499	62,946	31,128	49,400
1997	647	50,363	70,201	1.4	46,887	65,515	35,632	54,784
1998	646	57,691	79,008	1.4	51,428	70,167	43,500	65,207
1999	646	59,923	80,822	1.3	56,511	75,822	43,689	64,396
2000	655	62,745	83,963	1.3	58,102	77,185	47,609	69,286
2001	665	62,708	83,252	1.3	58,718	77,704	51,667	73,458
2002	665	67,000	88,354	1.3	60,991	80,820	55,705	78,010
2003	680	70,642	92,714	1.3	65,628	85,626	60,532	84,061
2004	679	71,022	93,349	1.3	64,621	83,606	65,619	91,507

NOTE: After increasing steadily from 1979, pending cases decreased after 1993 when cases were excluded where defendants are fugitive for more than one year. The rise in pending cases since 1998 reflects a growing imbalance between filings and terminations. The criminal caseload has steadily increased since 1994 primarily due to large numbers of criminal filings involving immigration, firearms and drug law violations.

Sources: Statistical Table D1AC & DIAD - 1977, D-1 (Cases & Defendants) - 1978 - 1992, D (Cases & Defendants) 1993 - 2004, and *Federal Court Management Statistics*

Table 3.2

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year								
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	
TOTAL CASES	43,592	45,735	47,176	45,491	47,472	45,903	44,667	45,053	
GENERAL OFFENSES									
Homicide, Total	146	187	157	203	177	181	195	295	
Murder, First Degree	66	98	82	137	101	85	113	237	
Murder, Second Degree	29	45	23	17	20	49	49	7	
Manslaughter	51	44	52	49	56	47	33	51	
Robbery, Total	1,233	1,374	1,321	1,565	1,925	1,789	1,519	1,240	
Bank	1,157	1,295	1,269	1,519	1,857	1,714	1,467	1,168	
Postal	26	20	25	24	40	51	35	43	
Other	50	59	27	22	28	24	17	29	
Assault	589	562	592	544	618	523	562	561	
Burglary, Breaking and Entering, Total	108	117	119	136	119	141	139	63	
Bank	25	13	32	51	51	77	79	8	
Postal	24	26	27	27	22	26	21	22	
Interstate Shipments	0	2	1	3	4	9	4	7	
Other	59	76	55	42	29	35	26		
Larceny & Theft, Total	3,552	3,461	3,344	3,358	3,594	3,322	3,335	3,432	
Bank	172	136	133	139	226	331	360	221	
Postal	558	534	438	355	360	371	332	320	
Interstate Shipments	190	202	243	269	279	253	226	174	
Other U.S. Property	1,733	1,799	1,692	1,834	1,967	1,788	1,837	2,012	
Transportation, Etc.									
of Stolen Property	240	188	208	209	213	236	211	308	
Other	659	602	630	552	549	343	369	397	
Embezzlement, Total	2,013	2,076	2,071	1,888	1,882	1,857	1,576	1,368	
Bank	806	958	939	886	810	785	707	734	
Postal	481	464	426	413	414	332	248	243	
Other	726	654	706	589	658	740	621	391	
Fraud, Total	7,060	6,990	7,459	6,948	7,374	7,575	7,098	7,416	
Income Tax	1,148	1,012	995	908	879	867	800	744	
Lending Institution	1,044	1,039	1,172	1,328	1,448	1,474	1,337	1,289	
Postal	1,165	1,127	1,145	962	1,082	1,317	1,222	1,410	
Veterans & Allowments	62	77	20	15	6	10	5	0	
Securities & Exchange	21	54	43	43	48	40	42	30	
Social Security	231	196	303	242	222	205	213	242	
False Personation	23	28	43	66	46	39	40	33	
Nationality Laws	91	141	171	98	49	60	27	82	
Passport Fraud	306	284	287	233	189	227	162	235	
False Claims & Statements	1,622	1,631	1,800	1,503	1,685	1,600	1,468	1,478	
Other	1,347	1,401	1,480	1,550	1,720	1,736	1,782	1,873	

Table 3.2 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year									
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
TOTAL CASES										
	47,146	49,655	57,023	59,251	62,152	62,134	66,452	70,092	70,397	
GENERAL OFFENSES										
Homicide, Total	344	348	384	383	370	329	370	311	200	
Murder, First Degree	297	298	323	327	334	292	313	261	151	
Murder, Second Degree	12	14	15	13	7	9	15	13	11	
Manslaughter	35	36	46	43	29	28	42	37	38	
Robbery, Total	1,365	1,453	1,448	1,295	1,258	1,355	1,292	1,123	1,209	
Bank	1,291	1,384	1,392	1,250	1,219	1,325	1,239	1,085	1,177	
Postal	36	29	32	29	25	16	27	20	17	
Other	38	40	24	16	14	14	26	18	15	
Assault	540	527	629	529	665	622	633	811	955	
Burglary, Breaking and Entering, Total	65	70	89	72	59	52	44	46	60	
Bank	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Postal	20	25	19	13	13	11	12	13	16	
Interstate Shipments	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	3	
Other	44	42	70	56	46	40	31	33	41	
Larceny & Theft, Total	3,674	3,299	3,590	3,514	3,414	3,242	3,138	3,103	2,878	
Bank	231	233	250	241	276	244	173	179	102	
Postal	365	363	431	439	455	445	469	438	389	
Interstate Shipments	202	155	171	187	164	160	184	177	147	
Other U.S. Property Transportation, Etc.	2,075	1,812	1,937	1,901	1,828	1,798	1,798	1,762	1,771	
Transportation, Etc. of Stolen Property	329	265	270	257	249	209	212	166	155	
Other	472	471	531	489	442	386	302	381	314	
Embezzlement, Total	1,284	1,172	1,397	1,315	1,200	1,072	1,075	962	841	
Bank	665	594	750	736	667	580	516	403	329	
Postal	268	261	302	277	242	226	274	282	242	
Other	351	317	345	302	291	266	285	277	270	
Fraud, Total	7,633	7,874	8,342	7,654	7,788	7,585	8,204	8,092	7,539	
Income Tax	745	802	689	645	581	457	447	433	496	
Lending Institution	1,212	1,145	1,291	1,244	1,303	1,194	1,095	956	898	
Postal	1,176	1,125	1,104	1,065	1,117	1,129	1,118	1,039	1,031	
Veterans & Allotments	0	3	2	3	5	1	8	8	1	
Securities & Exchange	31	46	64	56	94	88	120	109	90	
Social Security	286	335	563	542	640	539	1,091	978	672	
False Personation	28	32	30	25	39	34	37	27	29	
Nationality Laws	111	158	292	267	364	398	239	301	242	
Passport Fraud	226	205	267	301	281	253	261	411	449	
False Claims & Statements	1,692	2,031	1,959	1,600	1,258	1,394	1,645	1,661	1,646	
Other	2,126	1,992	2,081	1,906	2,106	2,098	2,143	2,169	1,985	

Table 3.2 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year							
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Auto Theft	281	222	232	208	210	349	335	267
Forgery and Counterfeiting, Total	1,599	1,523	1,415	1,186	1,196	1,059	1,093	1,001
Transportation of Forged Securities	50	57	61	34	57	29	60	12
Postal Forgery	97	91	92	61	63	70	52	9
Other Forgery	923	916	790	649	581	492	403	285
Counterfeiting	529	459	472	442	495	468	578	695
Sex Offenses, Total	394	344	430	443	388	337	359	412
Sexual Abuse	180	191	209	269	242	233	259	261
Other	214	153	221	174	146	104	100	151
Drug Laws, Total	10,593	12,302	12,085	11,748	12,833	12,239	11,356	11,520
Miscellaneous General Offenses, Total	12,177	12,434	13,200	12,603	12,617	11,838	12,412	11,113
Bribery	213	228	232	263	223	205	283	190
Drunk Driving/Traffic	8,112	8,211	8,412	6,887	6,836	6,229	7,079	5,214
Escape*	919	880	879	716	626	725	738	697
Extortion, Racketeering & Threats	375	373	373	409	508	491	509	713
Gambling and Lottery	94	96	152	104	131	75	80	26
Kidnapping	67	63	60	63	75	67	67	81
Perjury	113	127	120	136	81	111	93	85
Weapons and Firearms	2,090	2,228	2,776	3,778	3,917	3,636	3,113	3,620
Other	194	228	196	247	220	299	450	487
SPECIAL OFFENSES								
Immigration Laws	1,744	2,039	2,427	2,182	2,090	2,487	2,596	3,960
Liquor, IRS	6	3	9	4	17	6	2	3
Federal Statutes, Total	2,097	2,101	2,315	2,475	2,432	2,200	2,090	2,402
Agricultural Acts	314	265	290	342	341	254	251	401
Antitrust Violations	74	78	66	70	63	71	43	38
Food and Drug Act	37	68	80	55	86	67	46	55
Migratory Bird Laws	35	64	27	56	23	27	39	27
Motor Carrier Act	65	38	51	43	25	20	11	12
National Defense Laws	89	123	105	97	209	144	95	85
Civil Rights**	85	72	78	89	69	62	70	73
Contempt	60	153	113	93	52	56	74	69
Customs Laws	123	117	154	96	97	69	88	97
Postal Laws	223	205	226	186	206	212	182	202
Other	992	918	1,125	1,348	1,261	1,218	1,191	1,343

Table 3.2 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year									
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
Auto Theft	232	189	182	189	199	180	152	131	141	
Forgery and Counterfeiting, Total	987	1,156	1,346	1,292	1,203	1,212	1,193	1,078	889	
Transportation of Forged Securities	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Postal Forgery	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Forgery	260	230	215	145	131	100	111	93	83	
Counterfeiting	725	925	1,129	1,147	1,072	1,112	1,082	985	806	
Sex Offenses, Total	623	690	777	893	944	1,017	1,187	1,325	1,638	
Sexual Abuse	285	305	308	334	431	428	514	552	607	
Other	338	385	469	559	513	589	673	773	1,031	
Drug Laws, Total	12,092	13,656	16,281	17,483	17,505	18,425	19,215	18,996	18,440	
Miscellaneous General Offenses, Total	10,462	10,386	10,856	11,747	12,544	13,190	14,987	16,432	16,300	
Bribery	152	168	174	158	145	131	118	101	137	
Drunk Driving/Traffic Escape*	5,045	4,974	4,982	5,005	4,679	4,958	5,149	5,084	4,593	
Extortion, Racketeering & Threats	723	587	564	639	635	582	562	519	435	
Gambling and Lottery	557	572	617	534	557	466	594	479	495	
Kidnapping	16	24	22	16	17	6	10	11	9	
Perjury	116	99	150	101	111	104	98	124	117	
Weapons and Firearms	3,162	3,184	3,641	4,367	5,387	5,845	7,382	9,075	9,352	
Other	592	691	580	836	900	961	960	955	1,082	
SPECIAL OFFENSES										
Immigration Laws	5,526	6,677	9,339	10,641	12,150	11,277	12,576	15,400	17,021	
Liquor, IRS	2	2	0	3	9	3	2	1	0	
Federal Statutes, Total	2,317	2,156	2,363	2,241	2,844	2,573	2,384	2,281	2,286	
Agricultural Acts	313	267	333	277	316	282	232	226	258	
Antitrust Violations	31	34	25	39	43	28	24	11	12	
Food and Drug Act	48	48	47	59	52	70	59	46	46	
Migratory Bird Laws	48	22	42	18	52	56	74	126	81	
Motor Carrier Act	7	8	6	16	5	3	2	3	5	
National Defense Laws	62	73	55	68	533	462	147	74	50	
Civil Rights**	73	59	77	81	80	76	62	48	69	
Contempt	81	77	80	78	109	158	107	73	84	
Customs Laws	110	97	125	96	97	79	78	72	75	
Postal Laws	152	165	152	119	112	135	129	122	117	
Other	1,392	1,306	1,421	1,390	1,445	1,224	1,470	1,480	1,489	

*Includes escape from custody, aiding or abetting an escape, failure to appear in court, and bail jumping.

**Includes cases removed from state courts under provision of the Civil Rights Act, 28 U.S.C. 1443.

NOTE: Criminal cases and defendants tend to fluctuate with changes in Department of Justice policies. Sustained increases in immigration and firearms cases reflect law enforcement and other special initiatives in these areas. In 2002, the large increase in criminal cases and defendants involving social security fraud resulted from the recent "sweep" of identity theft prosecutions announced by the Attorney General in May 2002.

Table 3.3

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by District (Including Transfers)

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year							
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
TOTAL CASES	44,699	46,828	48,035	46,189	48,366	46,786	45,473	45,788
DC	565	610	636	775	541	502	509	451
1ST	1,250	1,083	1,110	1,117	1,047	1,064	1,040	1,119
ME	185	132	139	168	148	133	129	125
MA	332	370	313	302	325	366	309	402
NH	38	50	115	75	79	78	108	110
RI	84	87	114	120	149	91	103	109
PR	611	444	429	452	346	396	391	373
2ND	2,647	2,926	2,933	3,553	3,654	3,774	3,388	3,526
CT	242	247	251	289	237	290	223	200
NY,N	292	379	433	457	545	493	463	514
NY,E	748	825	959	1,213	1,317	1,287	1,235	1,117
NY,S	985	1,084	917	1,081	1,065	1,217	1,001	1,216
NY,W	269	284	274	378	384	400	383	330
VT	111	107	99	135	106	87	83	149
3RD	2,029	2,040	2,388	2,174	2,393	2,569	2,437	2,583
DE	78	118	139	108	117	103	104	105
NJ	652	593	705	745	804	818	798	831
PA,E	549	510	575	549	644	567	545	652
PA,M	209	216	314	260	289	305	279	317
PA,W	254	247	246	271	284	323	323	252
VI	287	356	409	241	255	453	388	426
4TH	6,470	6,645	7,071	6,133	6,519	5,640	5,672	5,708
MD	772	923	706	630	650	644	587	512
NC,E	1,218	1,291	1,161	1,055	1,161	828	912	678
NC,M	226	290	301	275	307	275	282	325
NC,W	412	388	495	489	517	455	338	493
SC	486	450	666	573	648	565	602	649
VA,E	2,705	2,583	2,978	2,333	2,348	2,136	2,365	2,429
VA,W	163	234	215	291	303	271	292	280
W.VA,N	198	262	184	142	233	109	126	107
W.VA,S	290	224	365	345	352	357	168	235
5TH	5,132	6,573	6,410	5,668	5,647	5,105	4,835	4,936
LA,E	419	417	416	448	451	350	296	288
LA,M	59	48	61	62	52	89	54	98
LA,W	268	207	240	301	226	263	256	243
MS,N	98	136	163	103	136	186	140	114
MS,S	190	178	251	256	267	266	239	187
TX,N	647	754	746	717	1,010	828	757	753
TX,E	192	310	286	288	326	416	344	344
TX,S	2,103	2,851	2,563	1,766	1,577	1,300	1,339	1,381
TX,W	1,156	1,672	1,684	1,727	1,602	1,407	1,410	1,528

Table 3.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by District (Including Transfers)

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year								
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
TOTAL CASES	47,889	50,363	57,691	59,923	62,745	62,708	67,000	70,642	71,022
DC	546	662	501	477	399	464	543	549	498
1ST	1,159	1,034	1,028	1,259	1,682	1,644	1,460	1,253	1,398
ME	155	138	141	166	181	179	220	195	242
MA	384	352	376	434	432	403	512	417	375
NH	136	145	143	152	148	140	178	215	246
RI	96	99	120	128	132	116	116	113	117
PR	388	300	248	379	789	806	434	313	418
2ND	3,400	3,541	3,592	3,784	3,661	3,455	4,080	4,028	3,811
CT	229	229	221	250	236	240	300	305	302
NY,N	494	501	517	584	528	433	396	388	437
NY,E	1,103	1,108	1,102	1,017	1,096	1,180	1,369	1,331	1,016
NY,S	1,151	1,252	1,335	1,455	1,267	1,078	1,426	1,373	1,267
NY,W	322	362	307	359	420	394	408	478	598
VT	101	89	110	119	114	130	181	153	191
3RD	2,620	2,460	2,744	2,881	3,142	2,785	2,939	2,853	2,977
DE	99	120	123	92	97	90	159	141	156
NJ	936	922	1,023	939	881	849	1,009	1,038	1,021
PA,E	625	638	665	712	719	672	686	696	715
PA,M	329	300	291	343	359	398	355	350	428
PA,W	258	254	265	250	302	288	353	382	381
VI	373	226	377	545	784	488	377	246	276
4TH	5,494	6,106	6,540	6,571	7,199	7,740	8,485	8,689	8,754
MD	488	548	545	928	1,165	1,171	1,338	1,593	1,408
NC,E	812	767	848	776	889	913	1,172	1,179	1,060
NC,M	260	291	313	327	388	387	359	385	407
NC,W	311	354	339	365	394	338	371	325	501
SC	548	649	799	713	674	700	857	863	794
VA,E	2,533	2,873	3,108	2,766	3,011	3,579	3,602	3,438	3,729
VA,W	230	285	262	322	319	286	335	438	403
W.VA,N	107	132	113	154	127	131	195	195	206
W.VA,S	205	207	213	220	232	235	256	273	246
5TH	5,869	6,941	9,294	10,304	10,856	11,296	11,194	12,607	13,600
LA,E	285	278	263	306	320	293	357	393	355
LA,M	103	118	149	194	177	201	126	287	188
LA,W	313	299	299	249	244	273	367	412	425
MS,N	119	127	100	109	135	123	143	126	157
MSS	224	227	254	278	365	344	371	388	421
TX,N	696	772	956	993	963	857	832	1,015	800
TX,E	384	401	386	487	498	477	498	625	577
TX,S	1,649	1,814	3,134	3,387	3,720	4,224	4,308	4,849	5,656
TX,W	2,096	2,905	3,753	4,301	4,434	4,504	4,192	4,512	5,021

Table 3.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by District (Including Transfers)

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year								
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	
6TH	3,325	3,380	3,499	3,602	3,883	3,694	3,521	3,420	
KY,E	163	186	214	238	257	286	331	318	
KY,W	583	493	415	489	479	420	510	584	
MI,E	580	561	673	656	740	793	662	604	
MI,W	161	192	182	200	185	238	225	231	
OH,N	436	514	438	450	486	550	463	476	
OH,S	489	436	499	445	502	405	399	369	
TN,E	213	257	409	380	501	422	394	342	
TN,M	322	375	326	355	291	231	198	127	
TN,W	378	366	343	389	442	349	339	369	
7TH	2,210	2,330	2,324	2,084	2,274	2,156	1,717	1,733	
IL,N	725	863	828	747	720	632	556	521	
IL,C	250	299	259	272	323	336	144	231	
IL,S	225	189	203	209	256	259	187	225	
IN,N	260	245	201	189	245	253	250	207	
IN,S	439	369	460	310	344	305	290	242	
WI,E	174	222	247	254	258	229	187	202	
WI,W	137	143	126	103	128	142	103	105	
8TH	2,225	2,682	2,902	2,503	2,424	2,547	2,285	2,354	
AR,E	159	173	265	235	270	206	254	256	
AR,W	105	94	125	132	170	183	183	130	
IA,N	120	146	122	102	123	143	107	140	
IA,S	113	102	121	126	114	93	112	172	
MN	281	342	316	329	296	343	304	247	
MO,E	305	302	270	284	326	333	342	432	
MO,W	661	953	1,048	688	553	677	346	334	
NE	136	178	200	195	221	203	209	213	
ND	133	178	170	165	158	148	166	160	
SD	212	214	265	247	193	218	262	270	
9TH	9,735	9,848	10,044	9,836	10,940	11,145	11,235	11,182	
AK	239	164	231	217	290	237	213	195	
AZ	986	1,068	1,056	1,215	1,556	1,248	1,063	1,142	
CA,N	817	757	767	600	630	671	599	729	
CA,E	600	703	580	723	757	737	727	893	
CA,C	1,013	1,117	1,050	1,082	1,194	1,295	1,141	1,183	
CA,S	1,453	1,326	1,665	1,260	1,735	1,971	1,861	2,290	
HI	1,537	1,602	1,751	1,811	1,658	1,978	2,556	1,003	
ID	148	92	107	86	108	99	113	107	
MT	215	222	236	239	243	241	210	409	
NV	321	337	320	405	432	444	358	330	
OR	415	414	439	590	543	504	513	616	
WA,E	468	499	506	524	450	459	412	406	
WA,W	1,428	1,398	1,196	938	1,201	1,121	1,290	1,688	
GU	78	135	136	133	125	121	163	170	
NM	17	14	4	13	18	19	16	21	

Table 3.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by District (Including Transfers)

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year									
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
6TH	3,294	3,232	3,883	3,810	3,709	4,067	4,294	4,476	4,448	
KY,E	322	318	414	417	442	428	385	407	360	
KY,W	545	541	586	646	578	684	671	659	593	
MI,E	673	623	659	612	515	530	624	698	616	
MI,W	242	208	263	261	305	349	336	340	319	
OH,N	436	421	558	482	507	606	590	516	658	
OHS	358	328	470	396	383	363	419	432	491	
TN,E	271	295	329	350	434	523	496	599	517	
TN,M	152	156	171	204	209	207	244	267	259	
TN,W	295	342	433	442	336	377	529	558	635	
7TH	1,666	1,629	2,001	2,072	2,151	2,108	2,709	2,563	2,276	
IL,N	499	473	513	596	700	647	903	884	728	
IL,C	244	241	302	339	295	344	627	437	366	
IL,S	195	173	375	319	317	220	187	302	188	
IN,N	189	219	305	326	348	360	408	322	294	
IN,S	230	193	194	169	172	185	210	218	215	
WI,E	238	223	207	218	206	228	248	242	287	
WI,W	71	107	105	105	113	124	126	158	198	
8TH	2,683	2,645	3,150	3,094	3,431	3,406	3,729	4,418	4,553	
AR,E	293	242	277	230	199	220	194	257	255	
AR,W	147	119	158	128	163	170	171	184	188	
IA,N	259	160	161	199	279	319	365	435	343	
IA,S	161	160	251	282	296	236	285	312	344	
MN	258	314	338	302	348	332	337	391	446	
MO,E	409	494	561	583	647	583	729	829	883	
MO,W	301	273	372	392	515	537	561	680	657	
NE	246	304	387	376	468	489	577	723	743	
ND	208	164	199	185	178	168	187	227	257	
SD	401	415	446	417	338	352	323	380	437	
9TH	12,071	12,584	14,318	14,422	14,912	14,474	15,328	16,040	16,013	
AK	138	180	263	228	223	212	153	229	181	
AZ	1,685	2,028	2,950	3,274	3,117	3,344	3,767	4,320	4,545	
CA,N	798	732	659	907	1,057	864	738	808	789	
CA,E	863	940	912	856	1,007	909	912	958	800	
CA,C	1,348	1,264	1,399	1,235	1,407	1,350	1,621	1,403	1,902	
CAS	2,608	3,312	3,825	3,813	3,953	3,853	3,534	3,582	3,431	
HI	1,146	1,292	718	586	477	472	447	616	479	
ID	114	104	155	127	153	161	227	257	221	
MT	421	434	356	358	429	465	461	466	435	
NV	343	295	534	551	518	543	734	730	659	
OR	641	590	741	773	790	696	698	784	702	
WA,E	401	303	392	340	451	386	537	519	534	
WA,W	1,436	923	1,088	1,204	1,180	1,069	1,307	1,230	1,182	
GU	97	155	279	118	112	127	168	112	92	
NMI	32	32	47	52	38	23	24	26	61	

Table 3.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by District (Including Transfers)

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year								
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	
10TH	2,544	2,367	2,347	2,491	2,586	2,758	2,747	2,742	
CO	437	484	398	382	495	405	387	444	
KS	449	326	305	391	324	303	376	336	
NM	549	515	534	630	639	839	881	939	
OK,N	153	160	155	143	159	180	175	169	
OK,E	59	78	77	71	59	49	55	65	
OK,W	519	412	417	431	464	486	534	412	
UT	290	290	328	342	339	366	223	271	
WY	88	102	133	101	107	130	116	106	
11TH	6,567	6,344	6,371	6,253	6,458	5,832	6,087	6,034	
AL,N	340	320	311	265	373	347	368	331	
AL,M	281	313	293	272	402	302	287	249	
AL,S	178	204	175	241	258	277	203	237	
FL,N	275	292	245	233	282	343	348	290	
FL,M	799	814	795	927	941	977	763	808	
FL,S	1,513	1,303	1,461	1,375	1,186	1,051	1,160	1,436	
GA,N	680	651	492	399	536	771	777	811	
GA,M	2,208	2,144	2,217	2,169	2,047	1,391	1,803	1,500	
GA,S	293	303	382	372	433	373	378	372	

Table 3.3 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal CASES Filed by District (including Transfers)

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year								
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
10TH	3,010	3,072	3,480	4,101	4,362	4,245	5,472	6,194	6,543
CO	607	542	533	492	588	521	671	680	649
KS	299	349	377	419	489	530	522	617	810
NM	958	982	939	1,405	1,720	1,548	2,266	2,455	2,618
OK,N	170	168	180	159	137	121	163	178	197
OK,E	60	67	69	88	80	88	84	101	138
OK,W	485	467	585	718	570	571	644	860	774
UT	320	377	652	698	635	745	963	1,075	1,077
WY	111	120	145	122	143	121	159	228	280
11TH	6,077	6,457	7,160	7,148	7,241	7,024	6,767	6,972	6,151
AL,N	361	346	360	432	436	502	583	566	494
AL,M	193	231	216	148	171	190	175	258	230
AL,S	226	235	207	180	238	222	250	228	236
FL,N	276	295	337	359	349	363	466	600	509
FL,M	885	1,098	1,286	1,156	1,210	1,130	1,055	1,249	1,193
FL,S	1,540	1,371	1,421	1,517	1,705	1,841	1,773	1,641	1,458
GA,N	787	880	682	835	970	959	837	801	778
GA,M	1,478	1,640	2,363	2,196	1,787	1,399	1,167	1,152	708
GAS	331	361	288	325	375	418	461	477	545

Source: Statistical Table D-1 (CASES)

Table 3.4

U.S. District Courts. Criminal DEFENDANTS Filed by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers)

Fiscal Year

Nature of Offense	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
TOTAL DEFENDANTS									
60,092 63,027 64,958 64,656 67,635 64,699 62,054 63,986 66,896									
GENERAL OFFENSES									
Homicide, Total	201	253	233	280	229	283	330	389	446
Murder First Degree	97	150	153	209	150	162	225	322	395
Murder Second Degree	40	57	27	18	22	71	64	7	14
Manslaughter	64	46	53	53	57	50	41	60	37
Robbery, Total	1,440	1,607	1,569	1,872	2,339	2,265	1,826	1,436	1,635
Bank	1,342	1,509	1,497	1,802	2,250	2,155	1,748	1,339	1,539
Postal	33	31	35	32	55	74	54	57	50
Other	65	67	37	38	34	36	24	40	46
Assault	652	633	655	683	721	591	650	625	594
Burglary, Breaking and Entering, Total	132	144	155	176	159	180	178	86	91
Bank	30	17	41	59	61	91	101	8	0
Postal	33	29	32	35	27	31	24	31	21
Interstate Shipments	0	3	1	5	20	18	9	12	1
Other	69	95	81	77	51	40	44	35	69
Larceny & Theft, Total	4,272	4,051	4,021	4,206	4,363	4,167	3,978	4,081	4,393
Bank	217	162	173	165	307	377	414	245	287
Postal	745	673	576	477	471	521	459	424	516
Interstate Shipment	297	336	388	435	458	453	392	318	371
Other U.S. Property Transportation, Etc.	1,897	1,927	1,858	2,130	2,230	2,020	1,957	2,166	2,189
of Stolen Property	409	301	339	354	310	417	357	512	523
Other	707	652	687	645	587	379	399	416	507
Embezzlement, Total	2,162	2,254	2,203	1,998	2,048	2,038	1,702	1,449	1,392
Bank	857	1,023	966	919	846	828	734	759	706
Postal	489	470	435	417	424	344	251	248	272
Other	816	761	802	662	778	866	717	442	414
Fraud, Total	9,495	9,010	9,574	9,124	9,804	10,189	9,343	10,176	10,628
Income Tax	1,394	1,183	1,206	1,048	1,015	1,011	931	850	847
Lending Institution	1,294	1,256	1,467	1,636	1,844	1,862	1,656	1,688	1,581
Postal	1,849	1,715	1,685	1,503	1,648	2,214	1,877	2,422	2,195
Veterans & Allotments	62	83	21	15	6	11	6	0	0
Securities & Exchange	34	67	54	75	66	51	67	53	53
Social Security	251	216	326	271	278	230	232	288	332
False Personation	27	31	48	72	52	45	44	33	28
Nationality Laws	97	150	177	115	53	60	28	85	115
Passport Fraud	319	290	308	245	218	240	170	245	234
False Claims & Statements	2,034	1,977	2,062	1,749	2,013	1,947	1,718	1,734	1,912
Other	2,134	2,042	2,220	2,395	2,611	2,518	2,614	2,778	3,331

Table 3.4 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal DEFENDANTS Filed by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year								
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
TOTAL DEFENDANTS	69,437	78,287	80,116	83,303	82,665	87,784	92,134	92,697	
GENERAL OFFENSES									
Homicide, Total	432	474	484	449	419	454	394	260	
Murder First Degree	379	404	422	413	381	395	340	202	
Murder Second Degree	16	22	17	7	9	16	15	19	
Manslaughter	37	48	45	29	29	43	39	39	
Robbery, Total	1,745	1,714	1,526	1,510	1,613	1,559	1,358	1,445	
Bank	1,653	1,638	1,466	1,463	1,566	1,482	1,308	1,393	
Postal	39	45	39	32	22	44	24	32	
Other	53	31	21	15	25	33	26	20	
Assault	568	690	561	739	668	678	880	1,063	
Burglary, Breaking and Entering, Total	93	115	99	75	76	54	67	84	
Bank	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Postal	29	25	20	16	18	12	17	19	
Interstate Shipments	2	0	3	0	3	1	0	3	
Other	60	90	76	59	55	41	50	62	
Larceny & Theft, Total	3,927	4,267	4,211	4,108	3,867	3,830	3,842	3,447	
Bank	293	291	269	295	280	201	204	113	
Postal	460	625	594	631	605	635	595	514	
Interstate Shipment	309	321	444	371	355	420	525	364	
Other U.S. Property Transportation, Etc.	1,924	2,054	2,002	1,924	1,889	1,886	1,846	1,867	
of Stolen Property	440	418	380	419	330	358	269	256	
Other	501	558	522	468	408	330	403	333	
Embezzlement, Total	1,279	1,505	1,406	1,284	1,178	1,181	1,054	941	
Bank	621	790	766	687	608	534	419	352	
Postal	263	306	278	249	230	281	284	244	
Other	395	409	362	348	340	366	351	345	
Fraud, Total	10,410	11,130	10,428	10,532	10,273	11,205	10,999	10,550	
Income Tax	873	766	722	632	503	490	483	541	
Lending Institution	1,573	1,723	1,789	1,759	1,662	1,505	1,345	1,395	
Postal	1,741	1,677	1,626	1,564	1,619	1,596	1,618	1,615	
Veterans & Allocations	3	2	3	5	1	9	8	2	
Securities & Exchange	103	142	109	243	192	266	200	165	
Social Security	397	620	606	767	607	1,242	1,057	804	
False Personation	33	31	25	43	34	37	27	29	
Nationally Laws	161	298	269	367	401	265	301	243	
Passport Fraud	221	289	312	292	275	283	426	468	
False Claims & Statements	2,251	2,166	1,828	1,505	1,652	1,925	1,927	1,940	
Other	3,054	3,416	3,139	3,355	3,327	3,587	3,607	3,348	

Table 3.4 (Continued)

U.S. District Courts. Criminal DEFENDANTS Filed by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year									
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
Auto Theft, Total	539	364	351	387	366	547	514	452	360	
Forgery and Counterfeiting, Total	2,189	2,066	1,833	1,613	1,662	1,485	1,561	1,388	1,436	
Transportation of Forged Securities	66	83	81	44	74	44	96	18	0	
Postal Forgery	133	109	109	87	92	80	70	11	4	
Other Forgery	1,157	1,161	967	840	759	648	530	341	307	
Counterfeiting	833	713	676	642	737	713	865	1,018	1,125	
Sex Offenses, Total	416	373	467	476	405	352	385	436	673	
Sexual Abuse	190	202	228	278	250	239	271	274	295	
Other	226	171	239	198	155	113	114	162	378	
Drugs, Total	19,886	23,028	23,008	23,119	25,033	23,114	21,905	22,926	23,861	
Miscellaneous General Offenses, Total	13,254	13,392	14,425	14,624	14,411	13,481	13,898	12,852	12,208	
Bribery	297	297	313	381	315	259	394	262	222	
Drunk Driving, Traffic	8,265	8,338	8,586	7,518	7,067	6,366	7,094	5,216	5,055	
Escape*	966	941	946	766	686	770	842	760	795	
Extortion, Racketeering & Threats	627	609	708	725	946	945	975	1,382	1,158	
Gambling and Lottery	251	271	316	298	358	178	166	49	26	
Kidnapping	92	93	77	121	136	112	139	137	220	
Perjury	137	141	149	159	98	141	122	110	133	
Weapons and Firearms	2,408	2,462	3,129	4,321	4,561	4,348	3,695	4,436	3,986	
Other	211	240	201	335	244	362	471	500	613	
SPECIAL OFFENSES										
Immigration	2,351	2,760	3,126	2,671	2,565	2,900	2,958	4,471	6,105	
Liquor, IRS	11	3	13	7	27	9	3	3	6	
Federal Statutes, Total	3,092	3,089	3,325	3,420	3,503	3,098	2,823	3,216	3,068	
Agricultural/Conservation Acts	478	415	398	449	517	401	314	530	407	
Antitrust Violations	153	153	133	100	114	106	88	48	44	
Food and Drug Act	70	93	104	92	155	86	65	72	63	
Migratory Bird Laws	53	127	70	86	38	34	48	49	107	
Motor Carrier Act	91	49	70	53	33	32	13	12	12	
National Defense Laws	212	214	165	141	262	190	150	110	102	
Civil Rights**	130	94	117	136	106	89	105	136	115	
Contempt	67	158	122	104	64	63	84	86	87	
Customs Laws	172	241	225	133	149	106	154	161	197	
Postal Laws	237	224	239	193	218	221	192	214	158	
Other	1,429	1,321	1,682	1,933	1,847	1,770	1,610	1,798	1,776	

Table 3.4 (Continued)
U.S. District Courts. Criminal DEFENDANTS Filed by Major Offense (Excludes Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year							
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Auto Theft, Total	382	310	360	330	306	246	223	212
Forgery and Counterfeiting, Total	1,711	1,896	1,794	1,772	1,818	1,788	1,587	1,393
Transportation of Forged Securities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postal Forgery	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forgery	268	265	173	158	130	125	125	110
Counterfeiting	1,442	1,629	1,621	1,614	1,688	1,663	1,462	1,283
Sex Offenses, Total	720	804	957	1,010	1,080	1,251	1,374	1,709
Sexual Abuse	309	312	342	459	446	557	583	647
Other	411	492	615	551	634	694	791	1,062
Drugs, Total	25,885	29,472	30,671	30,598	31,493	32,387	32,786	32,358
Miscellaneous General Offenses, Total	11,981	12,524	13,252	14,310	14,624	16,762	18,332	18,190
Bribery	238	235	204	333	160	150	204	194
Drunk Driving, Traffic Escape*	4,977	4,988	5,010	4,691	4,967	5,154	5,088	4,595
Extortion, Racketeering & Threats	638	612	693	669	633	604	547	466
Gambling and Lottery	1,101	1,206	1,032	1,090	828	1,135	962	940
Kidnapping	33	31	28	52	14	24	23	13
Perjury	195	251	185	180	189	179	182	231
Weapons and Firearms	3,988	4,441	5,114	6,223	6,673	8,379	10,218	10,481
Other	714	609	879	937	1,011	1,001	1,015	1,181
SPECIAL OFFENSES								
Immigration	7,328	10,147	11,461	13,052	12,086	13,447	16,328	18,140
Liquor, IRS	8	1	6	16	4	2	1	0
Federal Statutes, Total	2,968	3,238	2,900	3,518	3,160	2,940	2,909	2,905
Agricultural/Conservation Acts	348	450	372	389	358	282	268	337
Antitrust Violations	47	37	45	75	42	30	14	22
Food and Drug Act	63	56	72	68	86	74	63	55
Migratory Bird Laws	34	86	49	80	89	99	190	138
Motor Carrier Act	10	7	16	5	3	2	3	6
National Defense Laws	99	82	101	554	490	166	102	69
Civil Rights**	136	166	129	127	127	92	99	106
Contempt	85	94	84	114	163	116	80	91
Customs Laws	172	212	137	166	113	89	94	101
Postal Laws	175	157	121	112	137	132	126	119
Other	1,799	1,891	1,774	1,828	1,552	1,858	1,870	1,861

*Includes escape from custody, aiding or abetting an escape, failure to appear in court, and bail jumping.

**Includes cases removed from state courts under provision of the Civil Rights Act, 28 U.S.C. 1443

NOTE: Criminal cases and defendants tend to fluctuate with changes in Department of Justice policies. Sustained increases in immigration and firearms cases reflect law enforcement and other special initiatives in these areas. In 2002, the large increase in criminal cases and defendants involving social security fraud resulted from the recent "sweep" of identity theft prosecutions announced by the Attorney General in May 2002.

Source: Statistical Table D-2 (DEFENDANTS)

Table 3.5

U.S. District Courts. Criminal Defendants Disposed of by Method of Disposition (Excludes Transfers)

Fiscal Year*	Total Defendants	Not Convicted				Convicted and Sentenced						
		Total	Percent of Total Defendants	Dismissed	Acquitted by		Total	Percent of Total	Plea of Guilty**	Nolo Contendere	Convicted by	
					Court	Jury					Court	Jury
1971	44,615	12,512	28%	10,655	687	1,170	32,103	72%	27,544	-	1,416	3,143
1972	49,516	12,296	25%	10,219	690	1,387	37,220	75%	31,714	-	1,847	3,659
1973	46,724	11,741	25%	9,757	661	1,323	34,983	75%	29,009	-	1,873	4,101
1974	48,014	11,784	25%	10,019	508	1,257	36,230	75%	30,660	-	1,785	3,785
1975	49,212	11,779	24%	10,274	397	1,108	37,433	76%	31,816	-	1,580	4,037
1976	51,612	11,500	22%	9,752	508	1,240	40,112	78%	34,041	-	1,587	4,484
1977	53,189	11,721	22%	9,941	398	1,382	41,468	78%	35,336	-	1,629	4,503
1978	45,922	9,417	21%	7,792	311	1,314	36,505	79%	31,112	-	1,431	3,962
1979	41,175	8,262	20%	6,791	303	1,168	32,913	80%	27,295	-	2,006	3,612
1980	36,560	7,962	22%	6,633	283	1,046	28,598	78%	23,111	-	1,851	3,636
1981	38,127	8,259	22%	6,981	266	1,012	29,868	78%	24,322	-	1,867	3,679
1982	40,466	8,214	20%	7,051	225	938	32,252	80%	26,355	1,037	1,205	3,655
1983	43,329	7,738	18%	6,566	281	891	35,591	82%	29,814	709	1,286	3,782
1984	44,501	8,397	19%	7,022	327	1,048	36,104	81%	31,060	401	969	3,674
1985	47,360	8,830	19%	7,484	415	931	38,530	81%	33,364	459	994	3,713
1986	50,040	9,300	19%	7,882	461	957	40,740	81%	34,927	521	1,139	4,153
1987	54,168	10,226	19%	8,784	446	996	43,942	81%	37,816	624	1,371	4,131
1988	50,440	9,509	19%	7,934	539	1,036	40,931	81%	34,872	616	1,252	4,191
1989	52,955	9,476	18%	7,859	617	1,000	43,479	82%	36,993	718	1,128	4,640
1990	55,267	9,747	18%	8,231	612	904	45,520	82%	39,093	597	979	4,851
1991	57,410	10,318	18%	8,627	631	1,060	47,092	82%	40,918	539	631	5,004
1992	59,644	9,384	16%	7,769	560	1,055	50,260	84%	44,154	476	578	5,052
1993	61,309	9,586	16%	8,284	396	906	51,723	84%	46,178	360	502	4,683
1994	59,625	9,908	17%	8,669	546	693	49,717	83%	45,044	385	491	3,797
1995	54,980	8,207	15%	7,112	482	613	46,773	85%	42,803	300	467	3,203
1996	60,255	7,985	13%	7,083	340	562	52,270	87%	47,921	275	461	3,613
1997	63,148	7,500	12%	6,607	400	493	55,648	88%	51,647	271	499	3,231
1998	67,934	8,049	12%	6,968	594	487	59,885	88%	55,913	343	601	3,028
1999	73,481	8,666	12%	7,649	553	464	64,815	88%	61,239	387	487	2,702
2000	75,071	8,035	11%	6,992	603	440	67,036	89%	63,503	360	632	2,541
2001	75,650	7,919	10%	7,017	479	423	67,731	90%	64,148	254	1,035	2,294
2002	78,835	7,953	10%	7,217	336	400	70,882	90%	67,856	332	423	2,271
2003	83,530	8,680	10%	7,957	293	430	74,850	90%	71,683	427	327	2,413
2004	81,717	8,101	10%	7,465	239	397	73,616	90%	70,591	437	312	2,276

*June data for years 1971 through 1987

**Prior to 1982, data for guilty pleas and nolo contendere were combined.

NOTE: After a moderate increase over the previous 10 years, the percentage of criminal defendants convicted and sentenced has risen significantly since 1988 primarily because of the rise in the percentage of defendants pleading guilty.

Source: Statistical Table D-4

Table 4.1

U.S. District Courts. Civil & Criminal Cases Filed, Terminated, Pending (Including Transfers)

Fiscal Year *	Authorized Judgeships	District Court Caseload		
		Filed	Terminated	Pending
1960	245	89,112	91,693	68,942
1961	308	88,561	85,297	72,206
1962	308	92,853	88,009	77,050
1963	308	95,376	93,925	78,501
1964	308	98,663	95,391	81,773
1965	306	101,012	97,556	85,229
1966	336	102,400	96,828	90,801
1967	340	103,168	100,522	93,447
1968	341	104,020	100,222	97,245
1969	340	112,606	105,760	104,091
1970	401	127,280	117,254	114,117
1971	401	136,553	126,145	124,525
1972	400	145,227	143,282	126,470
1973	400	140,994	141,715	125,749
1974	400	143,284	139,159	129,874
1975	400	160,602	148,298	142,178
1976	399	171,617	153,850	159,945
1977	398	168,184	153,369	176,983
1978	399	171,740	161,177	186,598
1979	516	189,403	175,794	199,067
1980	516	202,354	193,574	206,835
1981	516	218,719	212,710	213,131
1982	515	247,949	229,784	231,255
1983	515	288,684	256,042	263,916
1984	515	299,676	289,676	273,901
1985	575	321,024	311,826	282,687
1986	575	290,979	301,602	271,829
1987	575	279,166	274,155	275,612
1988	575	287,649	279,558	281,537
1989	575	273,720	274,513	278,877
1990	575	263,202	256,962	280,482
1991	649	259,256	260,496	278,579
1992	649	277,295	276,104	261,503
1993	649	275,323	271,294	251,554
1994	649	282,179	269,888	256,660
1995	649	296,224	275,319	273,402
1996	647	319,495	297,274	288,385
1997	647	329,718	301,069	316,820
1998	646	316,710	318,812	310,777
1999	646	323,016	330,628	297,927
2000	655	322,225	318,355	300,928
2001	665	317,907	309,165	308,640
2002	665	345,483	325,165	326,458
2003	680	323,604	318,643	321,597
2004	679	352,360	317,382	351,672

* 1960 - 1976 data are year ended June 30, subsequent data are year ended September 30.

Source: Federal Court Management Statistics, Statistical Tables C-1(1960-1985) and C (1986-2004) and D-1 Cases (1960-1976, 1978-1992), D1AC - 1977 and D Cases (1993-2004)

Table 4.3
U. S. District Courts. Civil and Criminal Trials Completed

Fiscal Year	Grand Total	Civil			Criminal		
		Total	Non-Jury	Jury	Total	Non-Jury	Jury
1988	19,964	12,388	6,966	5,422	7,576	3,371	4,205
1989	20,380	12,058	6,931	5,127	8,322	3,649	4,673
1990	20,393	11,446	6,674	4,772	8,947	3,875	5,072
1991	19,968	10,901	6,511	4,390	9,067	3,679	5,388
1992	20,460	10,756	6,378	4,378	9,704	3,964	5,740
1993	19,592	10,566	6,321	4,245	9,026	3,702	5,324
1994	17,771	10,473	6,093	4,380	7,298	3,158	4,140
1995	17,816	10,395	6,146	4,249	7,421	3,176	4,245
1996	17,545	10,343	5,942	4,401	7,202	3,126	4,076
1997	16,969	10,155	5,664	4,491	6,814	2,882	3,932
1998	16,196	9,349	5,224	4,125	6,847	3,036	3,811
1999	14,993	8,532	4,737	3,795	6,461	2,775	3,686
2000	14,679	7,933	4,529	3,404	6,746	3,257	3,489
2001	13,558	6,513	3,533	2,980	7,045	3,687	3,358
2002	12,817	6,015	3,365	2,650	6,802	3,570	3,232
2003	12,948	5,830	3,227	2,603	7,118	3,618	3,500
2004	12,938	5,492	3,081	2,411	7,446	3,672	3,774

NOTE: Includes trials conducted by district and appellate judges only. All trials conducted by magistrate judges are excluded. Includes hearings on temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, hearings on contested motions, and other contested proceedings in which evidence is introduced. "Civil" includes trials of miscellaneous cases.

Source: Statistical Table C-7

Table 4.4
U. S. District Courts. Length of Civil and Criminal Trials Completed

Fiscal Year	Total All Trials*	Civil						Criminal							
		Total	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 to 9 Days	10 to 19 Days	20 Days & Over	Total	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 to 9 Days	10 to 19 Days	20 Days & Over
1988	19,964	12,388	4,991	2,570	1,705	2,651	365	106	7,576	3,359	1,384	1,055	1,414	254	110
1989	20,380	12,058	5,059	2,363	1,671	2,533	356	76	8,322	3,626	1,653	1,102	1,557	273	111
1990	20,393	11,446	4,883	2,242	1,445	2,442	349	85	8,947	3,939	1,707	1,190	1,727	281	103
1991	19,968	10,901	4,883	1,964	1,382	2,265	333	74	9,067	3,751	1,697	1,314	1,883	324	98
1992	20,460	10,756	4,704	1,898	1,321	2,413	328	92	9,704	3,991	1,887	1,345	2,061	316	104
1993	19,592	10,566	4,697	1,801	1,286	2,391	323	68	9,026	3,663	1,689	1,290	1,933	333	118
1994	17,771	10,473	4,758	1,701	1,274	2,379	313	48	7,298	3,201	1,281	891	1,573	269	83
1995	17,816	10,395	4,718	1,732	1,256	2,288	338	63	7,421	3,173	1,249	939	1,653	297	110
1996	17,545	10,343	4,609	1,653	1,276	2,425	317	63	7,202	3,165	1,200	932	1,518	283	104
1997	16,969	10,155	4,459	1,561	1,271	2,449	353	62	6,814	2,945	1,114	885	1,476	293	101
1998	16,196	9,349	4,116	1,479	1,174	2,218	297	65	6,847	3,092	1,183	941	1,298	236	97
1999	14,993	8,532	3,833	1,268	1,076	2,017	293	45	6,461	2,826	1,175	868	1,284	219	89
2000	14,679	7,933	3,639	1,209	976	1,831	238	40	6,746	3,260	1,135	832	1,227	222	70
2001	13,558	6,513	2,675	1,022	869	1,665	249	33	7,045	3,657	1,173	794	1,154	201	66
2002	12,817	6,015	2,527	963	774	1,501	210	40	6,802	3,461	1,173	770	1,152	189	57
2003	12,948	5,830	2,408	941	686	1,515	241	39	7,118	3,586	1,196	860	1,221	188	67
2004	12,938	5,492	2,252	876	696	1,446	196	26	7,446	3,553	1,362	898	1,347	205	81

*Includes trials conducted by district and appellate judges only. All trials by magistrate judges are excluded. Includes trials of miscellaneous cases, hearings on temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, hearings on contested motions and other contested proceedings in which evidence is introduced.

NOTE: Criminal trials lasting 4 to 9 days increased 45 percent between 1988 and 1992, but declined 44 percent over the next 10 years. Since 2002, criminal trials have increased moderately and are now higher than 1998.

Source: Statistical Table C-8 (C-8C used for 1988 data)

Table 4.5

U.S. District Courts. Total Weighted and Unweighted Filings Per Authorized Judgeship

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships*	Weighted Filings			Unweighted Filings		
		Total (1&2)	Civil	Criminal	Total (2)	Civil	Criminal
1988	575	437	308	129	475	396	78
1989	575	439	299	140	459	375	83
1990	575	427	285	142	448	364	85
1991	649	386	251	135	392	312	80
1992	649	412	270	141	422	339	84
1993	649	419	285	133	416	336	80
1994	649	419	296	123	416	342	74
1995	649	448	320	128	444	364	80
1996	647	472	338	134	472	388	85
1997	647	509	364	145	486	396	89
1998	646	491	327	164	474	373	102
1999	646	480	380	100	494	371	124
2000	655	486	383	103	505	378	127
2001	665	486	385	101	485	361	124
2002	665	504	392	108	546	390	132
2003	680	498	384	110	507	345	136
2004	679	529	414	111	545	379	137

*Authorized judgeships include territorial courts although these courts are not reflected in the total weighted filings per authorized judgeship. Territorial courts are excluded from the district court case weight studies.

NOTE: Weighted filings for 1988 through 1998 were derived from the Federal Judicial Center's (FJC's) 1987-1993 District Court Time Study. Weighted filings for 1999 through 2003 have been revised based on the case weights derived from the FJC's 2003-2004 District Court Case Weighting Study. 2004 weighted civil and criminal filings are also based on the new weights. Criminal filings include reopen and transfers. Prior to 1999, criminal weighted filings excluded felony defendants. Civil cases reopened, remanded, or transferred to the district by order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation are excluded.

(1) Despite increases in authorized judgeships in 2000, 2001 and 2003, total weighted filings per judgeship continue to rise.

(2) Beginning in 2002, supervised release hearings were included in the total filings.

Source: *Federal Court Management Statistics* and Statistical Table X-1A

Table 4.6

Total Judicial Officers. Courts of Appeals, District Courts, Bankruptcy Courts.

Fiscal Year	Courts of Appeals			District Courts						Bankruptcy Courts			
				Article III Judges			Magistrate Judges						
	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Senior Judges w/ staff	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Senior Judges w/ staff	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Combined Clerk/Magistrate Judge	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Recalled Judges
1988	168	158	50	575	547	178	472	300	163	9	284	280	15
1989	168	156	57	575	539	190	481	313	159	9	284	282	12
1990	168	158	63	575	541	201	483	329	146	8	291	289	13
1991	179	155	66	649	537	204	472	354	112	6	291	287	10
1992	179	162	73	649	565	224	479	374	100	5	291	287	12
1993	179	159	75	649	542	223	482	385	93	4	326	324	12
1994	179	161	81	649	589	228	494	406	85	3	326	314	22
1995	179	168	81	649	603	255	497	416	78	3	326	315	23
1996	179	161	82	647	603	274	502	422	77	3	326	313	23
1997	179	155	87	647	578	278	510	432	75	3	326	313	22
1998	179	162	86	646	591	276	512	440	69	3	326	315	25
1999	179	155	86	646	608	273	519	454	62	3	326	306	29
2000	179	156	86	655	612	274	529	466	60	3	325	307	30
2001	179	147	93	665	590	281	533	471	59	3	324	312	30
2002	179	155	92	665	637	285	540	486	51	3	324	280	31
2003	179	160	91	680	651	275	543	491	49	3	324	309	35
2004	179	166	102	679	664	291	548	500	45	3	324	313	35
Percent Change - 2004 over 1988													
	6.5%	5.1%	104.0%	18.1%	21.4%	63.5%	16.1%	66.7%	-72.4%	-66.7%	14.1%	11.8%	133.3%

Source: Text Tables - Annual Report of the Director. District court senior judge data in 1993 are from the biennial judgeship survey national profile page; 1994 data are from the 1998 text table.

Table 4.7
U.S. District Courts. Civil and Criminal Median Times (Month) - Filing to Disposition

Fiscal Year*	Civil					Criminal				
	Overall Civil Median	No Court Action	Court Action			All Defendants	Dismissed	Guilty Plea	Court Trial	Jury Trial
			Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	Trial					
1971	9	7	6	17	16	3.2	7.1	2.2	5.5	5.9
1972	9	8	6	17	16	3.5	6.2	2.5	5.2	5.8
1973	10	7	6	18	16	3.9	6.8	3.0	4.6	5.8
1974	9	7	8	16	16	5.6	8.7	8.5	8.5	7.1
1975	9	7	7	16	16	3.6	7.4	2.9	3.8	5.3
1976	9	6	6	15	16	3.3	5.5	2.7	3.5	5.3
1977	9	7	7	16	18	3.2	6.6	2.6	2.7	5.0
1978	10	6	8	17	19	3.2	4.1	2.8	3.2	5.2
1979	9	6	8	17	19	3.1	3.7	2.8	2.4	4.9
1980	8	5	8	17	20	3.2	4.4	2.8	2.0	4.7
1981	9	5	8	19	20	3.2	3.8	2.9	1.9	5.1
1982	7	4	7	16	19	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.4	6.0
1983	7	4	7	16	19	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.8	6.2
1984	7	4	2	15	19	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.2	6.4
1985	7	4	8	15	19	3.0	2.5	2.8	2.5	5.1
1986	7	4	7	15	19	3.2	2.7	3.0	1.6	5.4
1987	8	5	7	15	20	3.4	3.0	3.3	1.1	5.7
1988	8	6	7	16	19	3.7	3.4	3.5	0.2	6.0
1989	8	6	6	15	18	4.3	3.1	4.1	0.9	6.6
1990	8	6	7	14	19	4.6	3.6	4.4	0.1	7.2
1991	9	7	8	15	20	4.9	4.1	4.7	0.1	7.5
1992	8	6	7	16	19	5.0	3.8	4.9	0.3	7.6
1993	8	6	7	14	19	5.4	5.0	5.2	0.3	8.4
1994	8	6	7	14	19	5.4	5.7	5.2	0.1	9.1
1995	8	7	7	13	18	5.7	6.5	5.4	1.6	9.6
1996	7	6	6	13	18	5.8	5.8	5.5	2.4	10.2
1997	8	6	7	13	18	5.8	5.0	5.7	1.1	10.5
1998	8	6	7	13	18	5.6	5.1	5.5	0.9	10.4
1999	9	6	9	14	19	5.9	6.6	5.7	1.1	11.0
2000	8.2	7.9	7.8	13.6	20.1	5.9	5.8	5.8	0.1	10.9
2001	8.7	7.6	8.4	13.3	21.3	6.0	4.7	6.0	2.3	11.1
2002	8.7	6.0	7.7	13.5	20.8	6.2	5.2	6.1	3.0	11.9
2003	9.3	6.3	8.4	13.2	20.5	6.2	6.8	6.0	2.6	12.3
2004	8.5	7.5	7.8	13.2	21.1	6.4	5.9	6.2	4.8	12.1

*1971 through 1991 data are for year ending June 30; subsequent data are for year ended September 30.

NOTE: Civil median time in interval months were not shown in decimals before 2000.

Source: Statistical Tables C-5 and D-6.

Table 5.1

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts. Voluntary and Involuntary Cases Filed by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code

Fiscal Year	Total Filings	Voluntary				Involuntary		
		Total*	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 12 (1)	Chapter 13	Total*	Chapter 7
1988	604,759	603,305	430,020	18,036	2,528	152,695	1,454	1,211
1989	656,980	655,542	463,182	17,378	1,608	173,318	1,438	1,193
1990	749,401	747,796	519,690	19,726	1,322	207,036	1,605	1,289
1991	918,988	917,338	637,224	23,138	1,460	255,484	1,650	1,280
1992	977,478	976,032	683,739	22,993	1,625	267,631	1,446	1,127
1993	897,231	895,888	620,053	19,786	1,355	254,667	1,343	1,018
1994	837,797	836,694	571,072	15,716	931	248,942	1,103	899
1995	883,457	882,315	597,302	12,445	883	271,650	1,142	948
1996	1,111,964	1,110,765	760,630	12,377	1,096	336,615	1,199	1,022
1997	1,367,364	1,366,193	957,057	11,038	966	397,097	1,171	988
1998	1,436,962	1,436,117	1,025,394	8,660	879	401,151	845	740
1999	1,354,375	1,353,531	958,587	8,842	811	385,262	844	704
2000	1,262,101	1,261,372	870,183	9,728	551	380,880	729	622
2001	1,437,354	1,436,557	1,013,451	10,408	379	412,272	797	686
2002	1,547,667	1,546,896	1,083,675	11,559	322	451,258	771	661
2003	1,661,996	1,661,273	1,176,707	10,006	698	473,763	723	585
2004	1,618,987	1,618,385	1,153,334	10,297	238	454,412	602	531
								71

*Total filings may include cases not reflected in the major filing chapters:

Chapter 7: "Straight Bankruptcy" - Liquidation

Chapter 11: Reorganization

Chapter 12: Adjustment of Debts of Family Farmers with Regular Income

Chapter 13: Adjustment of Debts of an Individual and Businesses

(1) With the exception of 2003, filings under chapter 12 have steadily declined since 1996, primarily because the statutory provisions for chapter 12 have expired and been re-enacted several times. In 2003, these filings more than doubled most likely due to the retroactive extension of provisions for filing under chapter 12. See 2003 Annual Report, pg. 25.

Source: Statistical Tables F-2A and F-2B; total does not match published F-2 Table in 1990.

Table 5.2

U. S. Bankruptcy Courts. Business and Non-business Bankruptcy Cases Filed by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code

Fiscal Year	Total Filings					Business Filings					Non-Business Filings			
	Total *	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 12	Chapter 13	Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 12	Chapter 13	Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13
1980	298,492	224,893	5,745	-	67,825	39,303	30,402	5,333	-	3,568	259,160	194,491	412	64,257
1981	362,233	264,495	8,598	-	89,136	46,979	34,356	7,795	-	4,828	315,250	230,139	803	84,308
1982	373,853	255,793	16,616	-	101,436	63,515	41,863	14,696	-	6,956	310,330	213,930	1,920	94,480
1983	362,051	242,669	20,837	-	98,539	64,210	39,573	17,608	-	7,029	297,835	203,096	3,229	91,510
1984	346,500	235,190	19,960	-	91,338	62,870	38,649	17,396	-	6,825	283,618	196,541	2,564	84,513
1985	383,510	257,928	22,602	-	102,967	69,119	41,838	19,864	-	7,417	314,378	216,090	2,738	95,550
1986	507,557	356,948	24,490	-	126,106	78,210	48,976	21,110	-	8,124	429,334	307,972	3,380	117,982
1987	568,430	402,558	21,403	5,749	138,678	86,088	49,471	18,333	5,749	12,535	482,300	353,087	3,070	126,143
1988	604,759	431,231	18,279	2,527	152,695	66,096	39,803	16,025	2,527	7,741	538,636	391,428	2,254	144,954
1989	656,980	464,375	17,623	1,608	173,318	62,413	37,228	15,703	1,608	7,874	594,511	427,147	1,920	165,444
1990	749,981	521,358	20,067	1,320	207,211	64,527	36,687	17,789	1,320	8,731	685,429	484,671	2,278	198,480
1991	918,988	638,504	23,508	1,460	255,484	70,144	38,705	20,394	1,460	9,585	848,812	599,799	3,114	245,899
1992	977,478	684,866	23,312	1,625	267,631	71,680	38,467	20,070	1,625	11,518	905,753	646,399	3,242	256,112
1993	897,231	621,071	20,111	1,355	254,667	64,830	35,807	17,068	1,355	10,600	832,374	585,264	3,043	244,067
1994	837,797	571,971	15,920	931	248,942	54,392	30,781	13,379	931	9,301	783,372	541,190	2,541	239,641
1995	883,457	598,250	12,639	883	271,650	51,007	28,800	11,168	883	10,156	832,415	569,450	1,471	261,494
1996	1,111,964	761,652	12,554	1,096	336,615	53,473	30,289	11,358	1,096	10,730	1,058,444	731,363	1,196	325,885
1997	1,367,364	958,045	11,221	966	397,097	54,217	31,862	10,092	966	11,297	1,313,112	926,183	1,129	385,800
1998	1,436,964	1,026,134	8,765	879	401,151	47,090	29,229	7,884	879	9,098	1,389,839	996,905	881	392,053
1999	1,354,376	959,291	8,982	811	385,262	38,595	23,499	8,238	811	6,047	1,315,751	935,792	744	379,215
2000	1,262,102	870,805	9,835	551	380,880	36,034	20,687	9,135	551	5,661	1,226,037	850,118	700	375,219
2001	1,437,354	1,014,137	10,519	379	412,272	38,490	22,800	9,787	379	5,481	1,398,860	991,337	732	406,791
2002	1,547,669	1,084,336	11,669	322	451,258	39,091	22,574	10,702	322	5,414	1,508,578	1,061,762	967	445,844
2003	1,661,996	1,177,292	10,144	698	473,763	36,183	21,008	9,185	698	5,201	1,625,813	1,156,284	959	468,562
2004	1,618,987	1,153,865	10,368	238	454,412	34,817	20,243	9,436	238	4,799	1,584,170	1,133,622	932	449,613

*The figure shown in the total column includes business filings that are not shown under major filing chapters.

Chapter 7: "Straight Bankruptcy" - Liquidation

Chapter 11: Reorganization

Chapter 12: Adjustment of Debts of Family Farmers with Regular Income - Effective November, 1986

Chapter 13: Adjustment of Debts of an Individual and Businesses

Source: Statistical Table F-2 (1984 to present), F-3A & F-3B (1980-1983)

Table 5.4

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts. Bankruptcy Code Petitions Filed, Terminated, Pending

Fiscal Year	Filed	Terminated	Pending
1980	298,492	55,794	242,698
1981	362,233	212,192	392,702
1982	373,853	285,651	481,970
1983	362,051	294,182	549,876
1984	346,500	304,774	591,778
1985	383,510	351,651	623,938
1986	507,557	378,520	753,212
1987	568,430	512,978	808,912
1988	604,759	584,563	828,283
1989	656,980	588,663	892,670
1990	749,981	637,118	993,346
1991	918,988	751,992	1,151,119
1992	977,478	900,719	1,224,524
1993	897,231	958,408	1,158,925
1994	837,797	869,771	1,120,850
1995	883,457	892,796	1,101,089
1996	1,111,964	1,005,025	1,193,392
1997	1,367,364	1,223,967	1,332,610
1998	1,436,964	1,377,206	1,385,894
1999	1,354,376	1,356,026	1,382,529
2000	1,262,102	1,256,874	1,383,213
2001	1,437,354	1,301,016	1,514,477
2002	1,547,669	1,445,101	1,615,006
2003	1,661,996	1,568,087	1,712,171
2004	1,618,987	1,671,177	1,658,238

NOTE: Table starts with first full year of reporting under the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 and only includes cases under the bankruptcy code.

Source: Statistical Table F

